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Administration Institutes Partial Ban on Booze

by Russ Doubleday '11
News Editor

Hamilton College is taking a tougher stance on hard alcohol. From now on, underage students found drinking hard alcohol can receive up to five points. Hamilton College has instituted new policies concerning hard alcohol beginning this year based on recommendations from the Alcohol Coalition and Student Assembly (SA).

The new policy dictates that underage students who possess or consume hard alcohol, and any student who serves a minor, will receive three points on top of any other policy violations for which they are being cited. The policy also states that underage students who commit a violation in which hard alcohol "was a factor" will receive three points in addition to the points they receive for the violation. The College defines "hard alcohol" as any beverage with an alcohol content over 20 percent (40 proof).

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Hamilton's new hard alcohol policy forbids underage consumption and serving to minors.

"One of the things that became clear to us is that hard alcohol is often involved in the most serious incidents that happen on campus," Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said. "Alcohol is almost always involved and hard alcohol is involved in the most serious and dangerous ones."

"(Assistant Dean of Students) Jeff Landry met with many students who were transported last year to the hospital for an alcohol overdose and determined of the students with whom he met, in every single case, hard alcohol was involved."

Late last spring, the Alcohol Coalition agreed in principle on instituting an all-out ban on hard alcohol regardless of a student's age, according to Thompson. This proposal came after Thompson met with deans from Bowdoin College and Colby College who had banned hard alcohol.

"We were comparing transport stats and Bowdoin sends far fewer students to the hospital than we do," Thompson explained. "So we thought, 'OK, let's talk about it and let's think about should be ban hard alcohol? Should we do what Bowdoin has done?'"

At that point, SA stepped in and asked for the Alcohol Coalition to consider some of the unintended consequences that would come with a ban. These included increased drunk driving with students going off campus and students consuming hard alcohol in larger quantities and for shorter durations to avoid punishments. The new rule wouldn't allow students over the age of 21 to enjoy a mixed drink, among other things.

"After a lengthy discussion, weighing the pros and cons of a ban, the Student Assembly unanimously passed a resolution supporting a new policy with increased points for hard alcohol for underage students rather than a ban," SA President Amy Goldstein said. "I then presented this resolution to the Alcohol Coalition where it was discussed further and essentially agreed upon to be made the recommendation to the President of the College."

Many students doubt that the new rules will reduce the amount of hard alcohol consumed by minors on campus.

"Basically, at the end of the day, college students are gonna drink beer, their gonna drink wine, their gonna drink hard alcohol and putting harder consequences in place for hard alcohol is just going to ensure the Saranac brewery is turning a higher profit," said Elizabeth

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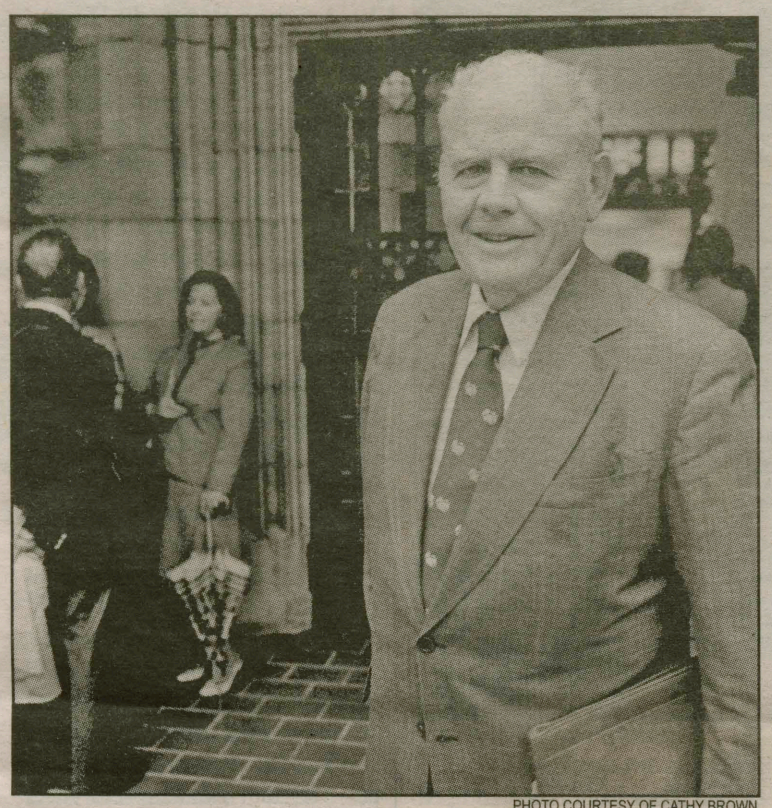
Late "Mac" Bristol Leaves Influence

by Erin W. Hoener '10
Editor-in-Chief

"Perhaps once in a lifetime each of us is lucky enough to meet someone who has wisdom, foresight and an incredible sense of what is right - Mac was one of those people and I feel so fortunate to have been able to serve on the Board while he was still alive. He will surely be missed." - Ann Hutchins '79

It is through the support of dedicated alumni, like the Bristol family, that we have the Hamilton we know and love today. While the Bristol pool and the Bristol Campus Center come to mind immediately, there are numerous other aspects of our college that have been greatly influenced by the late "Mac" Bristol. From football to financial aid, Mac had a hand in much of Hamilton's evolution over the last seventy years.

William McLaren "Mac" Bristol III '43, patriarch of Hamilton's first family, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18 after a brief battle with lung cancer. Without fail, Mac, as he was known to all, is described as the most dedicated and loyal Hamilton alumnus that can be remembered. Mac served Hamilton first as a student from 1939 – 1943, then beginning in 1965 as a member of the Board of Trustees, leading the Board as Chair from 1977 to 1990. After his time as a student at Hamilton, Mac served as a member of The United States Marine Corps during World War II. As a Marine, Mac fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima, served as a member of the occupation forces in Japan and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant in 1946.



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William McLaren Bristol III '43, known as "Mac," was the patriarch of Hamilton College's "first family."

Mac's role as an influential force on campus began when he was a student. Mac received 9 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball, was member of Sigma Phi, Doers & Thinkers, Was Los and Pentagon and majored in Latin. Joseph Anderson '44, who knew Mac as both a student and as dedicated Trustees for many years, described Mac as a student as "shy, but a superb athlete, extremely good student and a leader in his class." One of the many places that Mac was a leader at Hamilton was as a

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Hate Speech Scratched onto Student's Vehicle

by Kate A. Tummarello '11
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Last Sunday night, a student reported to Campus Safety that that student's car, which had been parked in the Ferguson lot, had been dented, with the word "fag" scratched into the paint on the door.

According to an all-campus e-mail sent by Dean Thompson regarding the incident, this type of action is classified as a hate crime, defined by the student handbook as "criminal activity motivated by the perpetrator's bias against an individual victim or group," including, but not limited to, biases against characteristics such as race, gender and sexual orientation. Those who are convicted of committing a hate crime may be prosecuted under New York State law and face disciplinary action from the College. Possible repercussions include separation from the College, fines and imprisonment.

More information on the College's stance on hate crimes can be found on the on-line Student Handbook. In the near future, this information will be available on its own website, along with an on-line form for reporting these kinds of crime.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Campus Safety at (315) 859-4141.

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Remembering Mac Bristol

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Captain on the football field.

Mac remained closely tied to football at Hamilton throughout the years, even helping to begin a tradition that will be celebrating its 30th year this fall. In 1979, during Mac's tenure as Chair of the Board of Trustees, he began a friendly wager with the Chair of Middlebury's Board of Trustees for the rights to a rocking chair that would hold a plaque listing each year's winner. Unfortunately, Middlebury's name appears on the plaque quite a few more times than Hamilton, but nonetheless, The Old Rocking Chair Classic was instituted. Over the years, Mac seldom missed a Hamilton – Middlebury football game. "We will all miss his booming voice, his generous and unambiguous friendship, his energy, his enthusiasm," recalled former President of Middlebury College, John McCardell. "This is a great loss for the Hamilton community to be sure, but everyone in higher education joins Mac's family in the grief they now must endure and, in the fullness of time, also the many wonderful memories of a life well and fully lived."

Mac's tenure as Chairman of the Board of Trustees occurred during an incredibly important moment in the evolution of Hamilton as students know it today. In 1978, just one year after Mac became Chair, the decision was made to combine Kirkland and Hamilton Colleges. Former Hamilton President, Martin Caravano made the recommendation the Boards of Trustees at both Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges that due to Kirkland's financial troubles, the two colleges should combine. At the time, this suggestion was a radical one that would serve to change the landscape and dynamic of two very well loved colleges. As can be expected, many individuals on both sides were hesitant to accept the change. While he had to face doubts from many people, Caravano recalled, "Mac was like a rock. Dependable seems almost too weak of a word – he was committed in a way that you just don't find in many people…he was there every step of the way." Anderson '44 also echoed the importance of Mac's leadership during this time period, "The joining of the two colleges was a singular achievement for Hamilton. It established the base which we now have for a wonderful coeducational college. Hamilton is a balanced, strong and vibrant institution, which was established in [Mac's] strength and character during that period." Caravano went on to explain, "The Hamilton that Mac knew as a student and as a young trustee was very different, but Mac stayed with Hamilton as it evolved and remained committed to that evolution throughout his life."

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Mac (59) played linebacker for The Continentals during his time on the Hill.

Mac was also involved in the institution of the log standing tradition of the Senior Gift Campaign. In 1982, just four years after the joining of Kirkland and Hamilton, Mac wanted to foster a joint goal for the newly combined classes to achieve together. The students responded so well that Mac proposed to his fellow Board members that they invite the whole class to dinner with the Trustees. This was not a simple task to pull off, but it was achieved in the form of dinner and cocktails in the gymnasium with the entire class and Board of Trustees. Unfortunately, Mac was unable to attend the celebratory dinner due to the funeral of a fellow Marine officer.

This senior gift campaign exemplifies Mac's ability to excite and encourage his fellow alumni to heed his example and give back to the school that he loved so much. There is no doubt that Mac was an extraordinary man. Anderson praised, "Without qualification, there has never been an alumnus that could top Mac Bristol. He did it all – he gave his brain, warmth, compassion, and yes, his money to further the College in any way possible."

It is clear that Mac was one of the most influential individuals in Hamilton history. Fortunately, his legacy will not end now. Generations of leaders at Hamilton, be it students or Trustees, have been inspired by Mac's example. "Mac has elevated the expectations of all those around him. He has passed the torch and inspired a whole new generation of trustee leadership. That's his legacy," said Vice President for Communications and Development Dick Tantillo. Mac truly believed that the best in Hamilton history was yet to come.

"Hamilton may have lost her greatest friend, but Mac's legacy will live on the Hill and in our hearts forever. We owe it to him and to Hamilton to live our lives as he lived his own, inspired to do great things for the best reasons. Mac was a great man and a great citizen of this world. We are privileged to be in his company as alumni of Hamilton. Carissima indeed, Mac. - George Baker, '74

Alumni Donations on the Rise

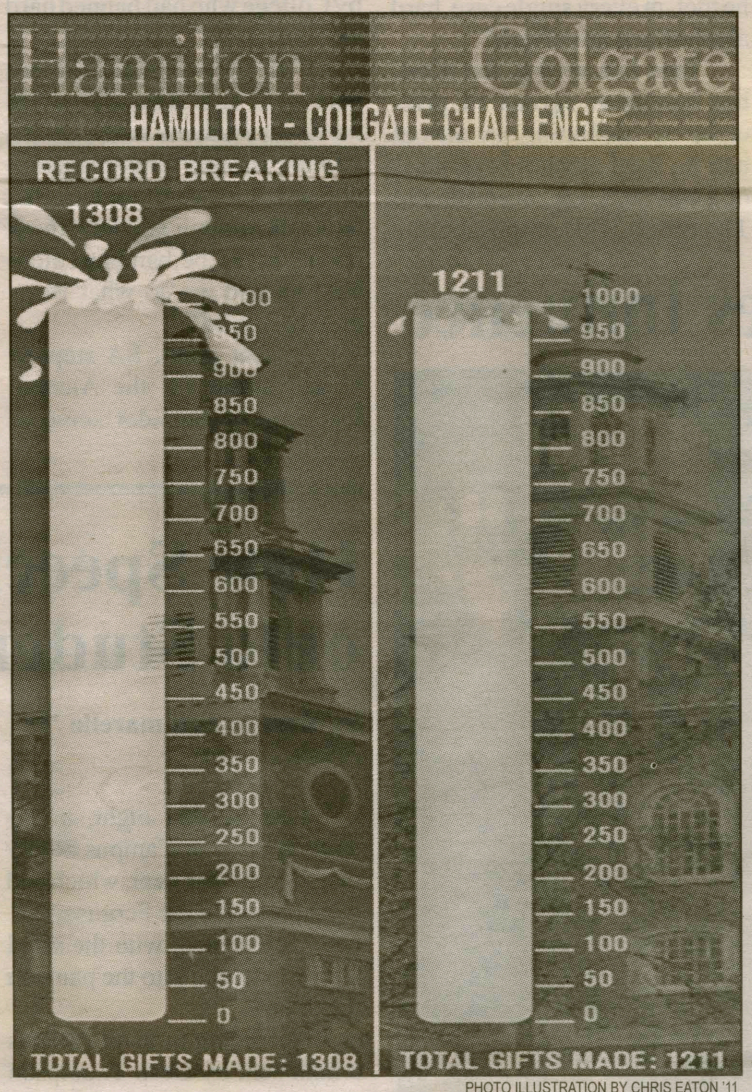
by Emily Delbridge '13
News Writer

Despite the economic recession, Hamilton alumni keep on giving. This summer, the school received four separate gifts of one million dollars each. Board of Trustees Chair A. G. Lafely '69 and an anonymous donor both created endowments financing current and future generations of Hamilton students. These gifts are invested at a five percent rate, which allows the school's available funds to remain stable and to grow. The interest gained, about $100,000 in this case, then helps a number of eligible students pay for tuition. The school uses contributions such as these to award aid to about half of the entire student body.

A third million-dollar donation (also from an anonymous benefactor) and $35,000 donated mainly by athletic alumni will make Steuben Field usable throughout the year. The new turf will enable Hamilton's football, lacrosse, and intramural teams to enjoy a field free of serious wear and tear from the elements.

The fourth million-dollar donation came from Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jeff Little '71. This money funded the remodeling of four underused Bundy East and West Residence Hall lounges into student housing. Usually, the freshman to sophomore retention rate at Hamilton is about 92 percent. With 96 percent of last year's freshmen choosing to stay at Hamilton, the new housing is being put to good use immediately. Said Little, "I received an excellent education from Hamilton 40 years ago and I want to do what I can to ensure that today's students have a similar experience."

Finally, in a fundraising contest between Hamilton College and Colgate University, known as the Hamilton-Colgate Challenge, Hamilton received donations from 1,308 alumni to win the competition. Hamilton challenged Colgate to see which school could get more alumni to make contributions during the month of April 2009. As Hamilton is a smaller school and thus has a smaller alumni body to draw from, the schools agreed to count 100 percent of the Hamilton alumni donors and 70 percent of the Colgate alumni donors. The Challenge spurred Hamilton alumni to donate almost four times the number of gifts that they donated in April 2008.



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With or without the competitive motivation, alumni contributions remain strong. For the last 28 years, the college has had alumni fund participation at over 50 percent, putting Hamilton's alumni participation in the highest one percent in the nation. This past year, Hamilton saw a jump in alumnus gifts from $5.8 million up to $6 million. Said Director of Annual Giving Jon Hysell, "These remarkable results are a testament to the persistent commitment and generosity of loyal Hamilton alumni and friends."

Hamilton Prepares for H1N1 Outbreak

by Arianne Bergman '13
News Writer

While hype about swine flu has died down over the summer, it remains an issue of great concern for returning Hamilton students. Director of Student Health Services Christine Merritt sent out an e-mail on Aug. 25 reminding the campus of the immediate threat posed to college students, and she advised the student body to practice good hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

"College students are among the groups considered to be at high risk for contracting the disease because of the close proximity in which they live and work," Merritt explained through the e-mail.

"Based on CDC [Center for Disease Control)]projections, we are preparing for the H1N1 virus as an inevitability," said Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Meredith Bonham. No cases of swine flu have been detected at Hamilton. "It's difficult to say how quickly it will spread, but the fact that we are a residential campus means that there is a greater likelihood for transmission once students become sick."

"Students who have a high fever and suspect they may have contracted the H1N1 virus should immediately avoid any contact with others," Merritt said. "In all cases, students with flu-like symptoms will be required to avoid contact with others for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever." Anyone with flu-like symptoms should call the Health Center immediately to obtain a proper diagnosis.

Bonham encourages ill students to see the Health Center right away if they think they have the H1N1 virus. "The College has made plans to isolate students who are suspected of having the H1N1 virus if they cannot return home using private methods of transportation," stated Bonham.

Symptoms of swine flu are similar to the seasonal flu and they include fever, cough, sore throat, congestion, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and in some extreme cases, diarrhea and vomiting.

Most cases of the disease can be handled without professional medical care, and those patients who do have serious enough symptoms to visit hospitals usually have a pre-existing chronic medical condition such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease, according to the CDC. A vaccine is in the later stages of development, with clinical testing expected to take place over the next few months.

However, the World Health Organization still classifies the H1N1 virus as a pandemic, and appropriate precautions should be taken. For more information on how to keep yourself and others safe and healthy, contact the Health Center or visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.

New Face of CEC Prepares Programming for This Month

by Daniel Steinman '12
News Writer

The much-discussed Cultural Education Center (CEC) will be a reality at Hamilton College this semester. Professor of History Madeleine Lopez has been appointed interim consulting director of the CEC for the fall semester, and she says programming will begin this month.

When asked about her directive as interim consulting director, Lopez explained, "I was told to take the CEC to fruition. The programming that is going to take place this year will dictate the spatial needs of the future endeavors of the Cultural Education Center." Lopez described that, beyond arranging for guest speakers, the Center will hold forums for students, faculty workshops and film series. She also plans to hold exhibits on campus to showcase various historical memorabilia of different groups that have had an impact on Hamilton's rich history "so people can start capturing the understanding of what the [physical] space will be used for."

The Board of Directors has committed to establishing a permanent residence for the CEC by fall 2010, although the location has not yet been decided upon. It appears that both of the previously discussed options of moving into Backus House or Afro-Latin Cultural Center have been dismissed; however, three current facilities will be vacant following the renovation of ELS next year.

It is important to note that the Cultural Education Center will be an independent entity under the Dean of Faculty Office, and, therefore, will be financed as part of Hamilton's budget for educational programs. Lopez says she will be collaborating with Associate Dean of Students for Diversity and Accessibility Allen Harrison and Associate Dean of Faculty for Diversity Initiatives Steve Yao. "We're not working in isolation," Lopez said. "We're working in partnerships to maintain traditions and create new ones."

On Tuesday, Sep. 22, the CEC will be holding an open forum for students to engage in a campus-wide discussion about the task force report that was released late last semester. Professor Lopez, Dean Harrison, Dean of Faculty Joe Urgo, Physical Plant Director Steve Bellona, and Professor Angel Nieves, faculty member of the task force, will all be in attendance.

The first event coordinated by the CEC will be the reception of guest speaker Jenny Rivera, a CUNY Law School professor, on Sep. 24 for Latino Heritage Month. Rivera clerked for Justice Sotomayor in the federal circuit court and served on the New York Civil Rights Commission under the Gov. Cuomo's administration. Her lecture will address "Latinas and the Law." Another guest speaker, Professor Keith Mayes from the ...can Cultures program at the ...ersity of Minnesota, is to be scheduled for before the end of the semester.

Lopez describes the CEC's role on campus as a "hub to address all these issues of diversity" at Hamilton; she commented that this week's hate crime serves to illustrate the real need for the Center and is an example of the kind of problem for which it will help facilitate a discussion.

Campus Receiving Makeover

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

The ELS renovation will be completed in time for the 2010-2011 academic year.

by Eloise Walter '11
News Writer

By August 2010, Hamilton will have a brand new student center, featuring offices for student activities, a two-story bookstore and its very own Starbucks. This building will be the result of a $10.8 million renovation of the Emerson Literary Society that Physical Plant began this past summer. Physical Plant also renovated Bundy Residence Hall, in addition to a few smaller projects. Alumni donations and gifts made these projects possible.

The new ELS will serve as a student media and activity hub. The building's central location and special features are intended to increase student involvement on campus and give organizations like WHCL (Hamilton College radio) better facilities. Now, instead of broadcasting from the basement of Bristol Center, DJs will move to the heart of campus directly overlooking the action on Martin's Way. Architects have also upgraded the audiovisual system to include multiple flat screen televisions, exterior speakers and a complete sound system spanning the entire building. For prospective students interested in media and communications, ELS makes Hamilton stand out.

Those concerned about the effect on Hamilton's party scene can rest assured that the ELS basement will retain its original flavor. Architects will only upgrade the social space by installing new lighting and speakers, and adding a coatroom and bathroom, but plan to leave the walls untouched. An extension from the ELS basement includes new features such as a kitchen, a dark room and the bookstore's lower level.

Physical Plant also added four luxurious suites to Bundy, a pleasant surprise for sophomores on the summer waiting list. With a $650,000 trustee gift, Physical Plant converted Bundy common rooms into quads that created the space needed to accommodate increased enrollment. Each quad includes two large doubles connected to a 300 sq. ft. common room and kitchen. The high ceilings and tall windows make the quads seem twice the size of a Milbank suite. Needless to say, next year, sophomores may not be the only ones living in Bundy.

SA Update

Hill Card to Work at CVS, Pizza Place

by Eve Denton '12
Student Assembly Correspondent

Dave Smallen's Technology Update:

Many places in Clinton, including CVS, Alteri's, Nick's NYPD, Pizza Place and Subway will start accepting Hill Cards at some point this week, and more stores are considering allowing their use. Look for an e-mail sometime this week announcing that the system is in place, and remember to have money on the card when using it since it won't function as a credit card. For delivery, give your Hill Card number over the phone, and upon delivery they will confirm this number by looking at your card.

Several additional technological changes are planned for Hamilton this year and next to make life easier for students. Verizon will be installing antennas in several large residence halls in order to improve reception at sometime this school year. The Hamilton e-mail and calendar system are going to switch over to Google, however email addresses will still be @hamilton.edu. A new program is about to be implemented on the school computer system to allow students to see how much printing they do, and how much it would cost if the school were to start charging. There will be no charges this year, however it is possible that Hamilton will begin charging for printing next year.

Student Assembly Funding:

Besides the technological changes coming to the campus, the Student Assembly Funding Committee has opted to make a few alterations. The Funding Committee has made the decision this year to follow a rule in the constitution requiring that clubs requesting money submit their proposals no less than two weeks in advance to avoid last minute confusion. Another change comes in the form of the amount of the student activity fund that will be directed towards club sports. This amount will increase from 10% to 12.5% due to the addition of several sports, including water polo and curling.

College Takes Hard Line on Hard Alcohol

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Kosar '10.

"Banning hard alcohol doesn't stop alcohol abuse, it just changes alcohol abuse."

Thompson, Residential Life and Campus Safety, however, are all hoping that these new point additions will be dutifully observed by the student body.

"I imagine some may test the boundaries, as tends to be the case with any policy or points related changes," Director of Residential Life Travis Hill said. "I am optimistic that over time the amount of hard alcohol on campus will lessen, particularly with our students that are underage."

"I am confident that it will discourage students from drinking hard alcohol and eventually lead to less hard alcohol being consumed on campus," said Director of Campus Safety Francis Manfredo.

The new policies will be strongly enforced. Manfredo plans to have officers document any violation that comes to their attention, and Hill has also given specific instructions to Resident Advisors (RAs).

"I have placed the expectation upon the Resident Advisor staff that they document incidents involving hard alcohol," Hill stated. "RAs are not looking for violations, but if an individual or group draw negative attention themselves and the RAs become aware of it, I expect that the RAs confront violations and document as necessary."

The Alcohol Coalition consists of about 20 students, faculty and staff members and was founded in the fall of 2004 to find ways to reduce the negative effects of alcohol abuse at Hamilton. In 2005, the current point system was created, and offenses were given point values.

The accumulation of points can have significant consequences. At four points, a student's parents are notified of their violations; at six points, a student is no longer eligible to go abroad. After the system was put into place, Thompson found that students do make different decisions once they get points. She hopes that the added points for hard alcohol offenses will shape the students behavior in a similar way.

In the end, Thompson simply wants students to be safe when it comes to alcohol.

"I want students to make decisions that are safe and healthy for themselves and for the community," Thompson said. "And I do see this as a way to help influence that."

THE SPECTATOR EDITORIAL

Break Ground for a Better Hamilton

As returning students once again move onto the Hill, we are reminded of our past arrivals to Hamilton. Some remember fun times on Adirondack Adventure, the first time they forgot to do their reading and were called on in class, or maybe their first, real college party. There are surprises and new adventures every fall, as significant as personnel changes, new course offerings, or even new buildings, and as mundane as a trip to Target to replace the blender your suitemate gave to Cram & Scram last year. For the freshman, these first few weeks are formative moments. They will meet their first friends, first challenges and certainly commit their first freshman faux paus (I'm looking at you, kid with a tray in Commons). These opening days are the ones that they will continually return to, the memories that will stick with them once they leave the Hill for good.

The place that we call home has undergone many changes since classes were last in session. Our return to campus has introduced new policies, new personnel and new plans for an improved campus. A hard-alcohol-related change in the points system has been greeted with mixed feelings across the campus. A new director at the CEC hopes to foster a better understanding of differences between the increasingly-diverse members of our campus community. Crews broke ground on new construction of a student center that incorporates the former ELS building. All of these changes bring exciting new opportunities for our college and its residents to better themselves and the world around them.

Unfortunately, some things have not changed as much as we would have hoped; just a few days into the year, one of our fellow students was subjected to a crime of hate. It seems as though the sense of safety and community we work so hard to instill has once again been displaced by ignorance and anger. It is disappointing that this incident will be forever connected to many students' memories of their first days, but it is important that we move forward with a renewed committment to acceptance and awareness. It may be as simple as smiling at that girl you see every day on Martin's Way, or perhaps having dinner with the international student in your Econ class. It is as easy to make someone feel welcome as it is to alienate and isolate. Regardless of the changes, both positive and negative, we, as students, must remember that this is our school. The community we have here is the one we decide to create. It is up to us to ensure that we are proud of the experiences we share.

As influential alumni have demonstrated recently, Hamilton should be a place the students are proud to remember. Like the late Mac Bristol '43, we should feel a deep and lasting connection to our alma mater. As Hamilton continues to evolve long after we leave, we should feel committed to perpetuating the character and spirit we helped to create. These first few weeks will set the tone for a lifetime of returns to the Hill, so make them ones that you will cherish.

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Urban Service Experience Inspires Philanthropy

Upperclassmen, first-years burst Hamilton bubble through pre-orientation

by Haley Riemer-Peltz '12
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At the end of this summer, I returned to the Hill to begin Urban Service Experience leadership training (USE), a relatively new pre-orientation program. In the past two years it has expanded to have many leaders taking several different groups into the greater Utica area.

Along with my co-leader, I led the Habitat for Humanity trip. We began our trip by working with all the USE participants on the Chenango Canal trail in Bouckville. We stayed at a church in Rome, did inventory at the Habitat site in Marcy, and built a shed for a family in Deansboro.

The site coordinators were welcoming and excited to work with us. Our work was extremely rewarding because we got to meet the family who lived at the site and understand their need for our help. It was amazing to see the finished project after our first day of work and know that we were able to improve their lives.

Afterward, we discussed as a group what service means, both for the ones providing the service and for the ones receiving. We found that it can be difficult and uncomfortable to be *in both* positions, but that it was important enough to all of us to make it worthwhile.

I had a lot of time to talk with the site coordinators for the Oneida County Habitat for Humanity group. One of our leaders expressed how much he has loved working with Hamilton students, and how helpful he has found them. I felt both proud and somewhat surprised to hear this.

A lot of students and College publications make fun of the Utica area for being depressed and poor, especially in comparison to Hamilton.

Some of this criticism is not unfounded; it can be sad to see the deserted factories and broken down strip clubs in the city. It is definitely easy to laugh at. On the other hand, I felt that the Utica community's perception of us was that we were stuck up wealthy kids who did not care about our greater community.

I found that a lot of Hamilton students have never explored the area outside of Clinton. Compared to the other cities that Hamilton students come from, Utica isn't exactly a thriving metropolis.

But as I spent more time with my group driving around the area, I discovered that Utica does have an important history and diverse and rich culture. When I spoke with the site coordinators, it made me proud to see the connection forming with our community, and that there was mutual appreciation.

USE is an important program because it familiarizes incoming Hamilton students with their environment. It is important for all Hamilton students at some time during their college careers to get acquainted with the greater Utica area and end the misconceptions on both sides.

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USE participants clear brush from a canal that has recently fallen into disuse.

by Rachel Lieb '13
Opinion Writer

Being a first-year consists of more than moving into a brand new room at a brand new school. It is the start of a new life, with new friends, new perspectives, and new experiences. During my weeklong adventure with Urban Service Experience (USE), I played silly icebreaker games, made lasting bonds, and went beyond the Hamilton bubble as part of my first step into the real world.

USE is a pre-orientation program in which a group of first-years and two upperclass leaders venture out into Utica to help those in need. This year, there were five groups that visited the Utica and Rome areas. The sites included The Neighborhood Center, The Underground Cafe, Johnson Park Center, Hospitality Row, and Habitat for Humanity.

With a group of seven other freshmen and two fearless leaders, I went to the Neighborhood Center and the Thea Bowman house to work and play with kids all day.

I was able to re-learn the excitement of trapping your opponent in Connect Four and how amusing it can be to play with plastic food in a play kitchen.

"USE was the perfect transition from summer to college and it provided me with a few friendships that will last long beyond my four years on the Hill," my fellow USE participant Cara Bigony '13 said.

Our experience was one filled with laughter and jokes. At the same time, we also came to the sad but true realization that our short stay in Utica could not possibly be enough to fix the multitude of problems that plague the city.

One child in particular stands out in my mind. In the very first classroom we entered at the Thea Bowman House, a three-year-old boy with severe autism was struggling to get the attention he needed. While most of the children were busy with their toys, this boy could barely function. The teachers in the classroom were too overwhelmed to notice him.

I think it is unlikely that this little boy will ever get proper care. Nevertheless, I know that Hamilton's continued support for programs like USE strive to make a lasting impact on such children's lives.

Our stay taught me a lot about the area outside of our seemingly perfect Hamilton bubble. We spent most of the trip reflecting on why we were compelled to do service for our pre-orientation trip.

Hamilton provides many opportunities to help people through programs like HAVOC; we cannot leave this responsibility to another group or another time.

Thumbs up	Thumbs down	Who Cares?
Stir Fry Returns: continuing Bon Appetite's annual cycle as a culinary cock tease.	Living Downtown near the fire house: everytime some freshman stoner sets off a fire alarm, a tug boat fucks an elephant.	The Christian Fellowship's Pizza for Prayers: I hear they're handing out free superpies at "Slices for Satan."
New Turf Field: Hamilton Football gets a new place to win most congenial in the NESCAC.	Hamilton activity emails: I've gotten 600 in the last week and not a single one offers to increase the size of that special part of the male anatomy.	Emergency Siren Test: What, no message from Comrade Hinde Stewart?
Hamilton College: Now six days without a hate crime.	The creepy, stained glass in the library: nothing says "Welcome to Hell" like two white men from the late 18th century watching you while you study with a hangover.	ELS Basement Dies - robbing me of my last memories stumbling into an empty KSA party. At least I can still watch Whale Rider.
Borders Burrito Bar: Thank God no one started a witch hunt because this stuff is delicious.	Campus Safety Parking Jihad: well, I guess you had to pay for those snazzy new uniforms and hats somehow.	Hard liquor ban: the Freshman 15 just became the Freshman 30.
The new womyn's center serves as feminist picnic ground.		

by Nathan Fedrizzi '10, Anthony DelConte '10, and Lesley Ryder '11

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Face Off: Is the New Hard Alcohol Policy Too Drastic?

~Yes~

by Tracey Ogagba '12
Opinion Writer

Perhaps you have been unfortunate enough to have been EMT'd. Not only is there a hospital bill involved, but you will have to explain the situation to your parents. This is always an awkward and tense discussion to have, especially over the phone. But you're not alone – Hamilton has a dangerously high EMT rate. After a town hall meeting with Hamilton's Coalition on Alcohol, students began working toward a solution. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson recently announced a new rule that will assign additional points for violations involving hard alcohol. Now we wait as the number of EMTd students drops down to zero. It is not going to be quite that simple to change the "drinking culture" overnight.

The fact that this new policy focuses on hard alcohol is not at all unexpected, as most EMT cases involve hard alcohol of some kind. It would seem almost irresponsible for the school not to address the situation in some way. This particular policy, however, seems to have more of a focus on simply finding a solution than getting to the root of the problem.

While placing more risk in blatantly serving hard alcohol to minors will decrease access to some extent, it is more likely that students will just be more careful with drinking rather than being completely deterred. Sure, a student might think twice before he places vodka in a cup and heads over to the nearest party, but the average student is going to find a way to drink regardless.

If anything, the new policy may even exacerbate the issue. In order to avoid getting caught outside with hard alcohol, students will consume large amounts of hard alcohol in shorter amounts of time when pre-gaming in the privacy of their rooms. Many students are going to develop rushed under-the-table drinking habits, which are dangerous to develop.

Also, most students are aware that calling the EMTs in cases of alcohol related incidents warrants no penalties, but the email from Dean Thompson should have prefaced the introduction of the new policies with that disclaimer. Students finding themselves in trouble because of excessive drinking may be more afraid to get the proper help or aid. If the ultimate goal is to make the campus safer overall, the emphasis should be on making students feel comfortable at Hamilton, not on the fact that their actions may lead to three additional points.

Alcohol abuse is definitely a problem. Students abusing hard liquor to the point where they need medical attention is definite cause for a response from the administration, but the type of response is key in actually bringing change to the campus. Instead of announcing stiffer penalties for an activity that determined students will participate in regardless, there should instead be a collective focus on aiding students in making the right decisions in the first place.

~No~

by Lauren Magaziner '12
Opinion Writer

The new hard alcohol policy is in effect, and the general response to this policy among students is a gross overreaction. A simple rundown of the policy's basic points and the objections to them prove that the administration is not being unreasonable.

Underage students found responsible for a policy violation in which hard alcohol was a factor will be assigned the number of points that correspond to that violation, plus three additional points for the hard alcohol.

The penalty is steep, but this new point value simply encourages students to switch to a different beverage, drink more carefully and safely or possibly reconsider drinking altogether.

Students who serve hard alcohol to underage students will be assigned three points in addition to the two to four points already assigned for serving alcohol to minors.

This is perfectly fair, and the message to students over 21 is clear: don't serve alcohol to minors. This clause pertains to upperclassmen, but shouldn't bother them; they can have their hard alcohol as long as they keep it for themselves.

Students who are 21 may possess and consume alcoholic beverages including hard alcohol. Students who are under 21 who possess and/or consume alcohol run the risk of being assigned one to two points, plus three additional points for hard alcohol.

Students over 21 are perfectly within their legal rights to enjoy any drink they choose. As far as underclassmen, the new point value is intended to make students reconsider their choice of beverage.

The new policy is simply based on the realities and facts from last year. According to College administrators, almost all alcohol-related EMT calls were because of hard alcohol. Hard alcohol affects the body much faster than beer, and it is easier to get carried away with hard alcohol. This policy is just a preemptive measure to help students make wise decisions. It may be a tad idealistic to hope that under-age students wouldn't drink at all, but they should at least be drinking beer instead of hard alcohol.

Students forget that the Alcohol Coalition Board and the Student Assembly, both of which include students as well as administrators, recommended this policy. It is *not* the administration's attempt to infringe on students' fun, but rather it is a policy made by both staff and students, who are just trying to look out for the health and safety of all Hamilton College students.

This new policy on hard alcohol is reasonable and preventative in nature. Perhaps students teetering between drinking a beer and multiple shots of vodka will opt for the beer. In the long run, this small decision will save students from being EMTd and transported to hospitals, which is expensive, time-consuming and life threatening. The new alcohol policy ultimately has students' best interests in mind by attempting to curb a preventable problem that can have a harmful and costly outcome.

'I Always Feel Like Somebody's Watching Me': New Audio/Video Devices on Campus

by Patrick Landers '12
Opinion Writer

Last weekend's hate crime jarred the Hamilton College community, underscoring the fact that the Hamilton bubble, "a community that is committed to inclusion and respect," is only so thick. By late afternoon the campus was buzzing about the incident, with students and community members taking the opportunity to voice their disgust in the classroom, residence hall and on Facebook. This episode is just the latest in a series of criminal acts that have taken place around campus in recent years. The administration needs to continue expanding upon Campus Safety's surveillance capabilities to help deter these incidents and to ensure that their perpetrators are brought to justice.

Hamilton College first installed parking lot cameras to supplement the "Blue Light" phones in 2007, a measure implemented in response to safety concerns from students about the peripheral parking lots. These cameras are monitored throughout the day for suspicious activity, though currently not all lots are covered. The Campus Safety Advisory Committee, consisting of faculty, staff and students, has recommended that the College expand this system to provide complete coverage of all student parking lots. In addition, Campus Safety recently acquired VieVu, a portable video and audio recording device. These devices will also ensure accurate documentation of contentious incidents.

While some community members may be comforted by these capabilities, others may be concerned over how these systems could be used. For example, some wonder whether these capabilities would invade privacy rights or help police students' routine activities. These fears are unfounded, since the Campus Safety Advisory Committee regularly reviews campus safety policies and procedures to ensure their efficacy and appropriate application. These meetings are open to the entire College community. Additionally, the Dean of Students office oversees decisions that are relevant to students, including the VieVu guidelines.

Campus Safety has a number of tools at its disposal to enhance the security of the College. However, more can and must be done. One of the first steps the Administration should take in response to this weekend's hate crime and other similar incidents is to provide complete video surveillance of all student parking lots. This will improve Campus Safety's crime prevention capabilities as well as aid in subsequent investigations.

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The Spawning of the Sockeye Salmon
Freshmen go to dinner
Let's all go to Commons at EXACTLY THE SAME TIME!
Yeah!

Cartoon by James Grebey '12
Staff Cartoonist

TIME for LUNCH

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
to get REAL FOOD in schools

Labor Day, September 7, 2009
A Slow Food USA Campaign

Sign the Petition to urge Congress to improve the way America's children eat.

The National School Lunch Program provides meals to more than 30 million children every school day. This fall the Child Nutrition Act, which is the bill that governs the National School Lunch Program, is up for reauthorization in Congress.

We are in a position to urge Congress to make the Child Nutrition Act better.
By signing the petition, you advocate to:

- INVEST IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH. Give schools one more dollar per day for each child's lunch.
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- TEACH CHILDREN HEALTHY HABITS THAT WILL LAST THROUGH LIFE. Fund grants for innovative Farm to School programs and school gardens.
- GIVE SCHOOLS THE INCENTIVE TO BUY FOOD FROM LOCAL FARMS.
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Today's National Day of Action at Hamilton College is supported by Bon Appetit, the Central Leatherstocking Chapter of Slow Food USA, The 1812 Garden and the Food for Thought Seminar, and the Hamilton College Community Farm.

We hope you enjoy the dishes prepared from produce grown on campus and in the Clinton area.

New CEC Director Madeleine Lopez

Looks forward to diverse interactions, intercultural dialogue and new traditions at Hamilton

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

by Emily Anderson '13
Features Writer

This year, the Cultural Education Center welcomes a new director, Professor Madeleine Lopez. Educated at both Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania, Lopez has taught both high school and undergraduate students. Most recently, she served as Coordinator of Faculty Development Programs for the American Social History Project at the City University of New York. She has taught courses in both the History and Education Departments at Hamilton, and her husband, Chad Williams, is also a professor in Hamilton's History Department .

The CEC is part of Hamilton College's Diversity Strategic Plan. Its mission is to promote diversity awareness and foster intercultural dialogue. Currently, the Center is still in the works—issues such as the mission statement, space to use and programs to sponsor are still being decided by students, faculty and trustees.

According to Professor Lopez, the center has been in the works for decades as students and student groups have advocated for a space to foster cross-cultural dialogue and intercultural understanding. This type of space is needed for many organizations on campus: Hamilton's Rainbow Alliance group has been operating out of an actual closet for years, ironically enough.

For the past three years students have submitted proposals for such a space and have been supported by both the faculty and the student assembly in this endeavor. Their efforts have finally culminated in the new CEC.

Essentially, Lopez describes her job as "get[ting] this done." For example, she has worked on pedagogical workshops for the faculty with Associate Dean of Faculty for Diversity Initiatives Steve Yao. She is also working on programming for the Center; trying to find an adequate space on campus, creating a strategic plan and raising money all in order to have the Center equipped for a permanent director in the future.

Professor Lopez believes that any student who becomes engaged in the creation of the CEC will benefit just by seeing how these institutions are created. By collaborating with faculty members and trustees on this project students can learn about how organizations come together to achieve a goal, a skill that transitions readily to the real world. In addition, students will have a concrete place where they can come together to learn from each other.

The CEC will be a place for people whose traditions may not be celebrated on the larger campus, or a place for others to learn about those traditions. By creating this intercultural dialogue, students will be better equipped to leave the Hamilton "bubble" and enter the global world.

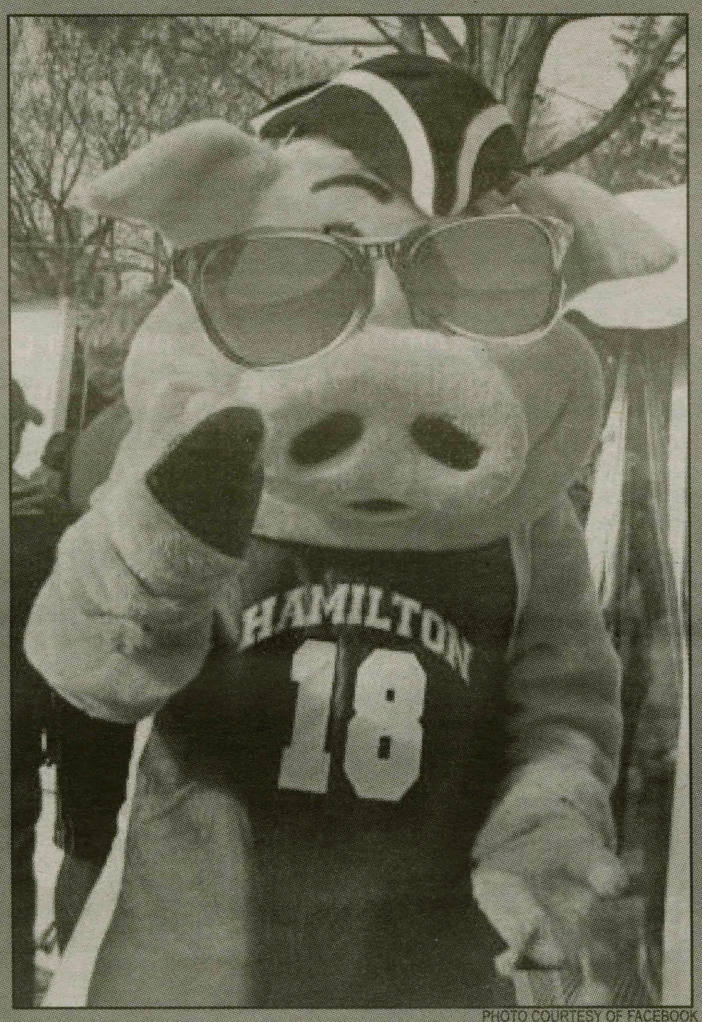
"It would be great to see a diversity of students partake of the services, programming, and space the CEC will offer. This year is an exciting time for students because they can play an integral part in defining the mission and objectives of the Center. Not only is a new entity arriving on campus but so is the opportunity to create new traditions."

Hamilton College receives Honorable Mention in GQ magazine

Although we were defeated by USC for the #16 spot, Hamilton garnered an Honorable mention on GQ's list of "America's 25 Douchiest Colleges." Below you can find what GQ considers the qualifying factors for a collegiate d-bag of the Hamilton caliber.

Complete results can be viewed at http://men.style.com/gq/features/landing?id=content_10779.

Home of: The Giant-Sunglasses Douche
Affectations: Audi Q7 (high school graduation present); tertiary connection to Olsen twin; frosted tips.
Thesis topic: "Steven Spielberg's Gremlins and the Art of the Impossible."
Ten years from now, will be: Living in Laurel Canyon while "producing" a bio-pic on Karch Kiraly and burning endless pounds of the kush.
Honorable-mention crazily expensive institutions: Duke, Tulane, Bennington, **Hamilton.**



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Unofficial Hamilton mascot Al-Ham as the "Giant-Sunglass Douche."

"Hamilton Serves" is Freshmen Favorite during 2009 Orientation

by Michael Koester '13
Features Writer

Forty years ago the youth of the nation shared three days of peace, love and music at the Woodstock music festival of 1969. On Aug. 28, 2009, 480 new Hamilton students trudged up the hill fresh from their pre-orientation trips and summer vacations, to be inducted as the 198th class in the college's history.

On move-in day the campus was littered with enthusiastic orientation leaders helping first years move in with their mini-fridges and clothes. The week's events started with opening ceremonies in Wellin, where the OLs introduced this year's 1960's theme "Know Thyself, Dude" to the motley crowd of first years. This was followed by numerous icebreakers across campus, including the classic "First Night Experience" in the alumni gymnasium.

The rest of the week was scheduled with Hamilton Orientation classics such as a speech by Dr. Maura Cullen on character and diversity, an intimidating presentation on fire safety using the 2000 Boland Fire at Seton Hall University as an example of what *not* to do, the mandatory alcohol and sex education sessions and numerous meetings with orientation groups.

The orientation process quickly introduced new students to the fast pace of college life on the hill with five days of events designed to curb homesickness and assimilate them into the college lifestyle. "I felt overwhelmed and tired all the time," says Danielle Brockmann '13, "and after a while I just wanted to jump right into classes, until I realized my regular schedule would not be much different. Events like the scavenger hunt seemed tedious at first, but in hindsight it gave me the necessary knowledge for getting around campus."

Other favorite events for the class of 2013 included big prize bingo (with a guest appearance from the varsity streaking team), open mic night and the return of a dance party from previous years.

Across campus, first years unanimously agreed that the group service project was the highlight of the week.

"I feel that my group started to bond more with the community service," notes Cailin Hermosura '13, who helped transport props for the fledgling Players of Utica Theater Company. "It was a really nice way to get to know the community outside of the campus bubble, and work with our fellow classmates for the first time."

2009 OL L.J. Scurfield '12 also spoke highly of the service trips: "My freshman year was the first year we did Hamilton Serves, and that continues to grow as a great program and a great end to Orientation." This attitude of the Orientation Leaders and their generally outgoing nature was likely what made these trips such a success.

Hill Cards aren't just for the Hill anymore

by Rachel Lieberberg '13
Features Writer

We may have only been on campus for a week, but for those who are already growing tired of the selection at Commons and McEwan, there's hope. Starting next week, eating and shopping off the Hill just got easier.

The new off-campus program enables students to use their Hill Cards at a number of local businesses including CVS, Alteri's, Pizza Place and Nick's NYPD. Like our familiar Hamilton locales, these Clinton merchants are equipped with a Hill-Card reader. When a card is swiped, the signal travels through a modem and is sent to ITS, where it is read and processed almost instantaneously.

So what prompted this change? Irene Cornish, Supervisor of the Hill Card Office, explained the very democratic but difficult process. Last spring, Hamilton students were surveyed on their favorite Clinton fixes. Next, meetings were held with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, where local merchants voiced both their interests and concerns. Their primary concern was lower revenues.

The off-campus Hill-Card system functions much like a credit card; if an item costs $20, the merchant does not make $20. A merchant is usually charged a commission for each transaction, as well as the flat per-item charge (this is why many require a minimum credit-card purchase amount).

According to Ms. Cornish, the current economic climate undoubtedly produced a degree of hesitancy in Clinton vendors. In order to gain the support of local businesses (a requisite step to launching the program) Hamilton will offset the cost of the terminal and such transaction fees for one year. This is compounded to Hamilton's annual fee to Blackboard, who is responsible for the electronic card service.

Simply put: off-campus use of Hill Cards is not cheap. And there is no guarantee it will succeed. According to Ms. Cornish, the longevity and profitability of the program is entirely contingent upon student interest; "If students go to the village, it will succeed."

The off-campus Hill Card is modeled off of a similar program at Skidmore College, who's repertoire of vendors has dwindled to two. Ms. Cornish believes that a comparable vetting process will ensue at Hamilton.

"We could have a similar situation. Or, if it is successful, other businesses will join." Regardless, the first year will effectively serve as a trial-period. It is difficult to predict what the demand will be, as many students use both debit and credit cards. Ms. Cornish contends that the off-campus Hill Card system is not only useful for students, but for parents as well since it allows them to monitor the Clinton venues that their children are frequenting. Unenthusiastic about the Hamilton menu? Grab your Hill Card and a few friends and head to Clinton-- your favorite restaurants are now equipped for (and anxiously awaiting) your arrival.

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What's Cooking At The Co-Op?

by Laura Wright '10
Features Contributor

Ridiculously Scrumptious Rainbow Chard

Though the weather's turning a little chillier and the sun

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doesn't seem to shine so long, the co-op still manages to find cheer and joy in the harvest of summer's garden. We're incredibly lucky to have a fantastic community garden on our campus and we have been making the most of it by cooking up some super tasty, local and seasonal meals.

One of my favorites was the rainbow chard we made the other night. It had a little bit of an Asian flair and went perfectly with the miso soup and Szechuan tofu we made with it. And it's super easy and quick to make - perfect for a busy night! (It's also a fantastic way to spruce up a boring bowl of ramen!) You'll need:

- Rainbow chard
- Fresh ginger
- Fresh garlic
- Soy sauce
- Fish sauce*
- Cilantro.

*If you're a vegetarian, you can leave out the fish sauce or look for vegetarian fish sauce at a health food store!

Take a wok and heat up a little oil. Sesame or peanut oil has a really great flavor, but you can use whatever is handy.

While the oil heats, mince about 3 cloves of garlic and a quarter inch of ginger. Throw them in the wok and you should hear a fantastic sizzling. Let the ginger and garlic make the oil really fragrant and then chuck in the rainbow chard, which you can cut to however big you consider to be conveniently bite sized.

Then squirt some of the sauces into the chard and cover the wok with a saucepan lid. This makes the chard cook a little quicker and prevents the sauce from evaporating entirely.

Stir it every minute or so and after eight to ten minutes you should have some pretty well done chard. When it is done, it should be significantly smaller then when you first chopped it; you can be the judge of how crunchy you want the greens!

Before you take your delicious and nutritious chard out of the wok, stir in a little diced cilantro - it really lifts the palette and makes this veggie delicious!

So next time the Community Garden has a farm stand on campus, pick up some rainbow chard. You never know, it might become your new favorite food!

Emerson Gallery Exhibits Look Into Artists' Minds

by Louisa Savage '13
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Perhaps many of you have seen the daily emails from the Emerson Gallery, flaunting their current exhibitions, and perhaps some of you have even heeded those emails and ventured forth towards the quaint art gallery conveniently located at the center of Hamilton's campus, eager to see this "Trio of Exhibitions on Artists' Sketches" and make good on the promise of free posters.

One of the exhibits, entitled "private (dis)play: Contemporary Artists' Sketchbooks," helps set the tone of the exhibition with a quote from the famous Paul Gaugin: "A critic... sees my paintings [and] asks for my drawings. Never! They are my letters, my secrets—the public man, the private man." The exhibit also includes "William Palmer: Drawing from Life and Oliver Herring: Video Sketch."

"It's the whole idea of the public and private artist," says Susanna White, Associate Director and Curator at the Emerson Gallery. According to White, both the "private (dis) play" and the William Palmer exhibits show sketching in a variety of mediums including charcoal and paint. And though one may not initially associate sketching with film, White claims that Oliver Herring's work is, in fact, a form of "rough imagery, and non-traditional sketching."

Palmer and Herring's work will be a more permanent fixture in the Emerson Gallery, while the Artists' Sketchbooks are part of a travelling exhibit from Washington University in St. Louis. The exhibit is curated by Jamie Adams and Katherine Kuharic, both art professors, the latter one of Hamilton's own.Both are prominent contributors to the collection.

Each sketch represents a different style of sketching and conveying the world as they see it. As Gaugin claimed, there is a distinct difference between public and private appearance, and these sketches provide the viewer with a much more intimate perspective into the artistic process that isn't necessarily capable of being seen through an artist's final work. There are the more concrete artists, such as Kuharic, whose sketches of figures and portraits in graphite and watercolor are more easily recognizable than those of Catherine Howe, who, in her Sketches for Proserpina, uses oil paint abstractedly strewn about the page to transport the viewer into some imaginary world known only by the artist. Adams' work lies in the middle of the spectrum—she brings an abstract quality to detailed sketches of the female nude by giving these figures, posed in fairly erotic positions, bulbous and exaggerated forms, emphasizing every bump and curve in the female body.

> **"There is a distinct difference between public and private appearance, and these sketches provide the viewer with a much more intimate perspective..."**

These artists' sketchbooks, along with the works of the many other artists lining the walls of the South Gallery, allow the reader to glimpse into the private mind of the artist, and uncover, as Gaugin said, "the private man." Such an idea undoubtedly contributes to the underlying theme of all three exhibits, just as the directors of the gallery intended.

"We thought [all three collections] would be a good idea to expore as a trio," says White. And a successful idea at that—one that Hamilton students should certainly witness.

Take this chance to come visit the gallery and see these three fantastic exhibits along with the many others!

Emerson Gallery Hours:

Monday-Friday
10 am - 5 pm

Saturday & Sunday
1 pm -5 pm

CAB Acoustic Coffeehouse: ***Rosi Golan***

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Rosi Golan is the first performer of the year to grace the CAB Acoustic Coffeehouse schedule and she is well-worth the trip over to the Barn. Golan was born in Israel, but is LA-raised. If you are interested in looking her up before the concert, check out her collaboration with Jamie Hartman of Ben's Brother on "Let Me Out." Then come see her today at 8 pm in the Barn!

A Capella Starts New Year on the Right Note

by Lily Rothman '13
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

The pitch pipe sounds, followed by a moment of silence. Singers sway and snap to a beat in anticipation, as the audience perks up and brings their chatter to a halt. It's the first a cappella concert of the school year.

Last Friday night, August 28, many were fortunate to be graced with the talented voices of the five Hamilton a cappella groups. Wellin Hall was packed at 8 pm when the show kicked off with Special K, the oldest all-female a cappella group on campus. One of the group's most popular numbers was their medley of songs including "Soldier Boy," Sexy Can I," and "Make Love In This Club." Special K's sense of fun definitely came out full force in their final song, making their performance even more memorable.

Next up were the Hamiltones, continuing the pop trend with Justin Timberlake's "What Goes Around." From the beginning this co-ed group displayed great breadth in their musical arrangements. The soloist, Joe Shapiro '12 amazed the audience with a strong voice that resounded uncannily like that of Justin Timberlake. The dissonances and harmonies of Imogen Heap's "Hide and Seek" were phenomenally woven together and the dynamics were spot on. "That gave me chills," whispered Gordon Wilkins '13, in reaction to the song. The wide variety in the Hamiltones' vocal parts brought depth and an amazing overall sound to the pieces they so excellently performed.

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The Hamiltones, just one of Hamilton's many talented a capella groups.

Tumbling After is the newest all-girl a cappella group on campus, founded a little over 10 years ago in 1998. The ladies performed a fantastic rendition of The Dixie Chicks' "Not Ready To Make Nice," followed by "Umbrella," in which the solo parts were divided amongst a few singers, leading the focus to multiple members of the group rather than solely one.

Following Tumbling After was Duelly Noted, the newest and most theatrically oriented group on campus. Although they lost several members this year, due to study abroad, the group of 7 remained strong. Duelly Noted put on a crowd-pleasing show, which focused on the story of an incoming first year who falls for his Orientation Leader. The group included several classic songs in the storyline, such as Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl," Frankie Lyman's "Why Do Fools Fall In Love," "Blue Moon"and a variation on "Kiss The Girl, " all of which were well integrated into the story. Despite being the newest group, Duelly Noted carries a classic aura about them — both in the songs they sing and their arrangements.

Last but not least were the Buffers. One lone Buffer walked out and made an announcement regarding auditions, followed by a warning that the Buffers' particular sense of humor may seem offensive, and those who were easily appalled should leave. It was an interesting preface to what the next 20 minutes or so would hold.

With the announcements over, the rest of the Buffers shuffled on stage, chugging cans of Keystone Light. The following skit was classic Buffers, and it wasn't until they realized they were all out of beer that they transitioned into the Alma Mater-Buffer style. The crowd laughed, of course. The Buffers found the perfect way to bring an amazing concert to a close, employing a crowd engaging, igniting rendition of R Kelly's "Ignition."

All five a cappella groups were very satisfied with their performances, and many seem hopeful for the upcoming year. Audition sign-up sheets filled up rapidly and the decisions regarding the newest members of these groups will be announced by this week. In the coming weeks many people will not only be excited to discover who is lucky enough to be welcomed into a group, but also to know who they'll be seeing in the next concert.

Successful "Striptease" Starts Fall Semester

by **Katy Mastrocola '13**
Arts and Entertainment Writer

***Striptease* tells the tale of two hapless men trapped in a room with nothing but giant hands for company.**

What if two normal men suddenly found themselves in an inescapable room where the only thing that could possibly save them was a giant hand? There is no need to question the limitless possibilities, for the Hamilton College theatre department answered with its performance of *Striptease*, written by the Polish playwright Slawomir Mrozek and stage managed by Laura Lee Smith '11. Is the play absurd? Yes. Creepy? Very. Filled with subtle political propaganda? Absolutely. Yet at the heart of *Striptease* lies a dryly-humorous satire that left the audience wishing it had lasted longer than merely forty minutes.

The show ran on August 28 and 29 and explores how two normal and seemingly similar men react to circumstances beyond their control. When these two nameless men are confined to a room with absolutely no way out, no communication with the outside world and no idea what they did to deserve this punishment, chaos and hilarity ensue.

The first man, played by Amr Rouvan Mahmud '11, does not try to escape or question his fate in the ominous room of doom, for he feels that becoming proactive would "limit his free will." The second man, played by Rem Myers '11, actively tries to defy his fate through fighting, protesting and even begging on his knees, for he believes that making the choice to fight back is the only way to truly be free. The two men quarrel, philosophize about life and death and wrestle in their underwear in an effort to gain insight into their situation.

Who is right? What is the point in their struggles? Questions remain unanswered, for all resistance is futile against the giant hands, played by Alison Mclaughlin '11 and Georgia Mierswa '11, who "strip" the men of their clothes, as well as their sanity until they are only in their underwear and handcuffed together.

One of the greatest attributes of "Striptease" is the intricacy of the characters' interactions. Mahmud and Myers seamlessly collaborated with one another; both wore the same outfit, which earned a lot of laughs from the audience. Mclaughlin and Mierswa were skilled in their portrayl the enigmatic hands, earning them great praise. Every time the hands entered the stage, they wiggled their fingers towards the men, demanding a sacrifice of clothing.

Overall, "Striptease" was an entertaining and thought-provoking performance. In addition, it served as a great way to kick off the new semester and let the first years know about the talented cast and crew in Hamilton's theatre department. There weren't enough seats at both performances of the play, and to those unfortunate few who did not get to see this unique show, two men were handcuffed together in their underwear by a giant hand, but the audience loved it anyways. I think we can all agree that the curtain call made "Striptease" a truly scintillating performance.

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Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Ana Baldrige '12

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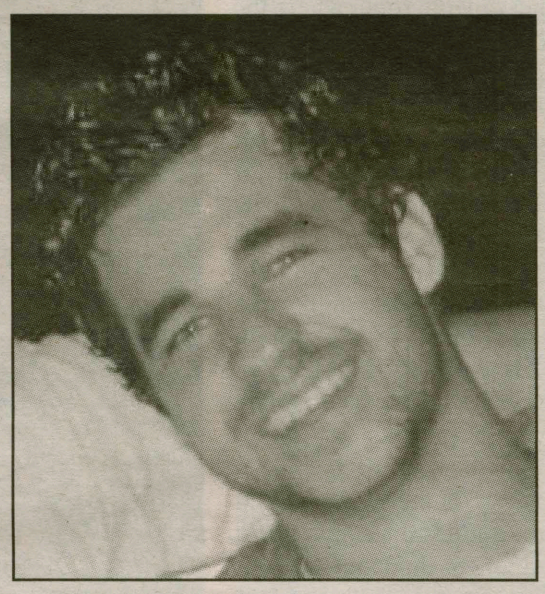
Hometown: *Kutztown, Pennsylvania*
Major: *Undecided*
Turn On? *Frosted tips*
Turn Off? *Patchy chest hair*
What is your worst habit?
Cracking my knuckles.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians which would you pick and why?
I'm a combination of Fergie and Jesus.
What advertising slogan best describes your life?
"Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't."
What movie genre best describes you?
Silent films.
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you?
Have you heard of Platform 9 3/4? I know something else with those measurements.
If you could have any super power what would it be and why?
Teleportation so I wouldn't have to walk to and from Bundy
If you were a cold cut, which would you be and why?
The mini slices of pepperoni because I'm small and spicy.
If you were any social space what would it be and why?
ELS basement.
If you could join one group on campus what would it be and why?
That group that was in the room with the Adirondack chairs between the diner and the events barn last year that had cake and gave my friends and me a piece on a friday night at 11:30 p.m.
What would you say is your most attractive quality?
My laugh that sounds like a seal having a seizure generally gets all the guys.
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be?
Lester so I could be an accountant/student loan adviser/jerk chicken connoisseur.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it which would you choose?
Wear sneakers to the gym in the winter
What would you give a thumbs up?
Mono.
What would you give a thumbs down?
The color salmon on men.
Who would you say is your campus crush?
Dan Gries's baby.
Who would you say is your faculty crush?
Michael Garcia.
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room?
A mug with a picture of my grandmother and her high school friends.

Joe Shapiro '12



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Hometown: *Concord, MA*
Major: *Government*
Turn On? *Huge tatas*
Turn Off? *Smart*
What is your worst habit?
Being overly sensitive
If you were a dorm which would you be and why?
Bundy: business in the front, party in the back.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians which would you pick and why?
Rhianna and Chris Brown.
If you had to create a new points system what would be the #1 offense?
Owning more than one pair of boat shoes.
What advertising slogan best describes your life?
I'm your Venus, I'm your fire. Your desire.
What movie genre best describes you?
Mockumentaries.
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you?
You had me at Shalom.
If you were a cold cut, which would you be and why?
I'd be salami, obviously.
If you were any social space what would it be and why?
Bundy Dining Hall because I also like to fake that I know how to cook.
If you could get rid of one builind on campus what would it be and why?
The Womyn's Center. Oh wait.
What would you say is your most attractive quality?
My grizzled facial hair.
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be?
Zamboni driver.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it which would you choose?
I'd park anywhere I wanted.
What would you give a thumbs up?
Waking up in the KJ water feature
What would you give a thumbs down?
Waking up in Root
Who would you say is your campus crush?
Jeannie from the Diner
Who would you say is your faculty crush?
Jay G. Williams
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room?
A tin-can phone across that stretches across the quad.

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The Insects Are Coming To Hamilton College:

Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorned Beetle, and Sirex Wasp Among Those to Threaten Hill

by Elijah LaChance '10
Senior Editor

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The emerald ash borer is only one of the species that could be dangerous to Hamilton's trees in coming years.

It sounds like the beginning of a horror film. Strange armies of alien-looking insects are invading the campus, bent on boring into and destroying our trees, leaving behind a barren wasteland and exposing the College's buildings to the sun, wind and weather. It sounds like science fiction. It's not.

Unfortunately, this threat to trees on the Hill is all too real. The emerald ash borer, the Asian longhorned beetle, the sirex wasp and the viburnum leaf beetle have all been reported in the Northeast and are either near or already on the Hill. Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Grounds, Horticulture and Arboretum, has said the woods of the Northeast and the campus are under serious threat and that the College is doing what it can, though in some cases the task is just too great.

Hawkridge described the emerald ash borer as, "the newest and greatest threat" to trees on campus. The facts bear him out. Over 20 million ash trees in lower Michigan have been destroyed by the borer or cut down in an attempt to prevent its spread. While the borer flies well, a greater threat is the insect spreading through firewood. Hawkridge described ash as, "the best firewood; it will burn either wet or dry." As a result, the borer has spread to the Northeast in a matter of only a few years, and this summer was reported in New York State.

The speed of the borer's spread is frightening. The researchers who found the borer in New York were, according to Hawkridge, en route to study the pest in Ohio but found an infected patch of forest by chance along Route 17. New York State responded by placing a 50 mile limit on the movement of any firewood in an effort to stop the spread. Unfortunatly, this severely impacted an industry that employs thousands of people in New York.

On the Hill, Hawkridge and Physical Plant have taken action as well. Physical Plant's team of three certified arborists injected several different chemical treatments into the cambrian layer (below the bark) of between 20 and 30 ash trees on the main hill and in the Root Glen, and these injections will be repeated annually. Unfortunately, hundreds of other trees on College-owned property will not be protected. As Hawkridge explained, "that's

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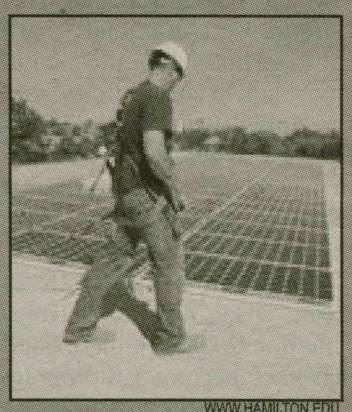
A Greener, Smarter Buff and Blue

by Jonathan Piskor '13
Science & Technology Writer



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The new plan, designed by staff, students and trustees, encourages the use of smart and green technologies. One of the draft plan's primary objectives is to "reduce Hamilton College's carbon emission [by] 40 percent by the year 2025." In the year 2008, Hamilton reduced its carbon output by six percent from the previous year, and plans call for complete carbon neutrality (no gross carbon outputs) by the year 2050. Seventy-two percent of greenhouse gas production at Hamilton can be attributed to heating and electricity systems in campus buildings. Logically, most steps outlined in the report focus on improving the efficiency of Hamilton's facilities. For example, the plan promises to try to upgrade the indoor and outdoor lighting and heating systems with new, more efficient methods.

Additionally, the plan

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A Who's Who Guide to the Hamilton Science Center

by Julia Litzky '12
Science & Technology Editor

Maybe you're new on campus, and want to talk to someone about what it takes to be a Chemistry major. Or maybe you just need to take a physics class before you graduate, but don't know which one is right for you. For those new to campus, or even new to the science center, we've listed the names and office numbers of the department chairs, along with some other helpful names and locations in the science center (including where to print out your papers at the last minute).

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The Science Center may seem confusing, but as long as you know where to go, it's filled with people who can help.

Department Chairs:

Physics: Peter Millet, G053
Chemistry: Ian Rosenstein, 1074
Geoscience: David Balley, 1022
Biology: Herman Lehman, 2086
Archaeology: George T. Jones, 2008
Psychology/Neuroscience: Douglas Weldon, 3065

Other Helpful Names:

Health Professions Advisor: Leslie North, 1005 - Provides career and internship advice for pre-meds.
Administrative Assistants: Wendy Schmidt and Janet Siepiola, 2005

Others:

Vivarium: Saley Cerney, 3080
Greenhouse: Hillary Joy Pitoniak, 3100

Computer Labs:

Stats Lab: 3023 - Usually locked at night; access requires a code.

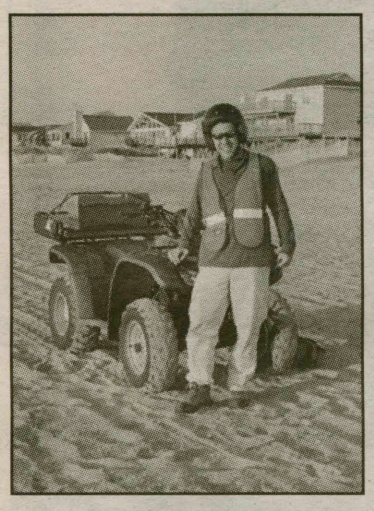
Psych Lab: 3039 - Locked from 11 p.m. on, but if you are already in there... Opens at 7:00 a.m. or so. The printer usually works.

Bio Lab: 2080 - Go up the stairs to the second floor, all the way down the hall, make a right and it's on your left. This lab is always unlocked, but the printer occasionally doesn't work.

Chem Fishbowl: on the first floor, follow the hallway to end, it's on the right. Printing access is only for chemistry majors (in theory). Often locked early in the morning, but you'll usually be let in if you knock.

Reflections on Summer Research: Saving Sea Turtles in VA Beach

by Daniel Feinberg '12
Science & Technology Writer



Feinberg, above, worked to protect sea turtle nests.

Two deadly cottonmouth snakes lay across my path. One was curled up in a ball, its head poised and tongue out, ready to strike. The other was sprawled out with the midday sun glinting in its scales. My only choice was to retreat, so I began to slog backward through waist-deep mud toward the canoe.

This was a typical day during my summer internship at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia Beach, VA. I worked as a biological aid, helping to protect native plants and animals. The National Wildlife Refuge System is comprised of federally protected land and essential to the survival of threatened and endangered species. There are 550 national wildlife refuges nationwide, with more than 150 million acres of land.

From May to August, I worked with two other college students and a graduate student to assist the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service biologists at Back Bay. Although we had a variety of assignments, our two priorities were sea turtle conservation and invasive plant control.

Virginia Beach is a nesting ground for loggerhead and green sea turtles, both of which are threatened species. The female turtles crawl up onto the beach during the night and make their nests, where they can lay upwards of 100 eggs at a time. Approximately 60 days later, the hatchlings appear and make their way down to the ocean. Predators such as crabs devour many of the tiny turtles before they can even reach the water. Only a handful, if any, of the hatchlings will survive to maturity.

The refuge is responsible for ensuring the survival of as many sea turtles as possible. This task involves patrolling the beach for nests and then moving the nests to a secure location where the biologists can monitor them. Every day at 6 a.m., a staff member or volunteer drives an all-terrain vehicle along the beach to look for signs of a female turtle's crawl.

We found five nests this summer and moved them all to a confidential location in the dunes, where they would not be disturbed by tourists. When we buried them in the dunes, we put cages around each nest to prevent foxes, raccoons and other predators from eating the eggs.

As we approached the 60-day mark, we began "nest-sitting" or staying by the nests until 3 a.m. so that if the turtles hatched, we could remove the cages and make sure that the hatchlings made it to the ocean. My biggest regret of the summer is that I had to stop working in mid-August and didn't get to see any of the nests hatch.

I did, however, have the opportunity to work with adult sea turtles. We visited the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Center, where we helped to attach tags to turtles that had been "stranded." These turtles had washed up on the beach and could not get themselves back to the water. The aquarium staff rehabilitates them and eventually releases them into the wild. If the same turtles wash up again, their tags will make them easy to identify. I attempted to hold the turtles in place while the stranding specialists affixed the tags. Inconveniently, the turtles kept flapping their heavy flippers, nearly knocking me over.

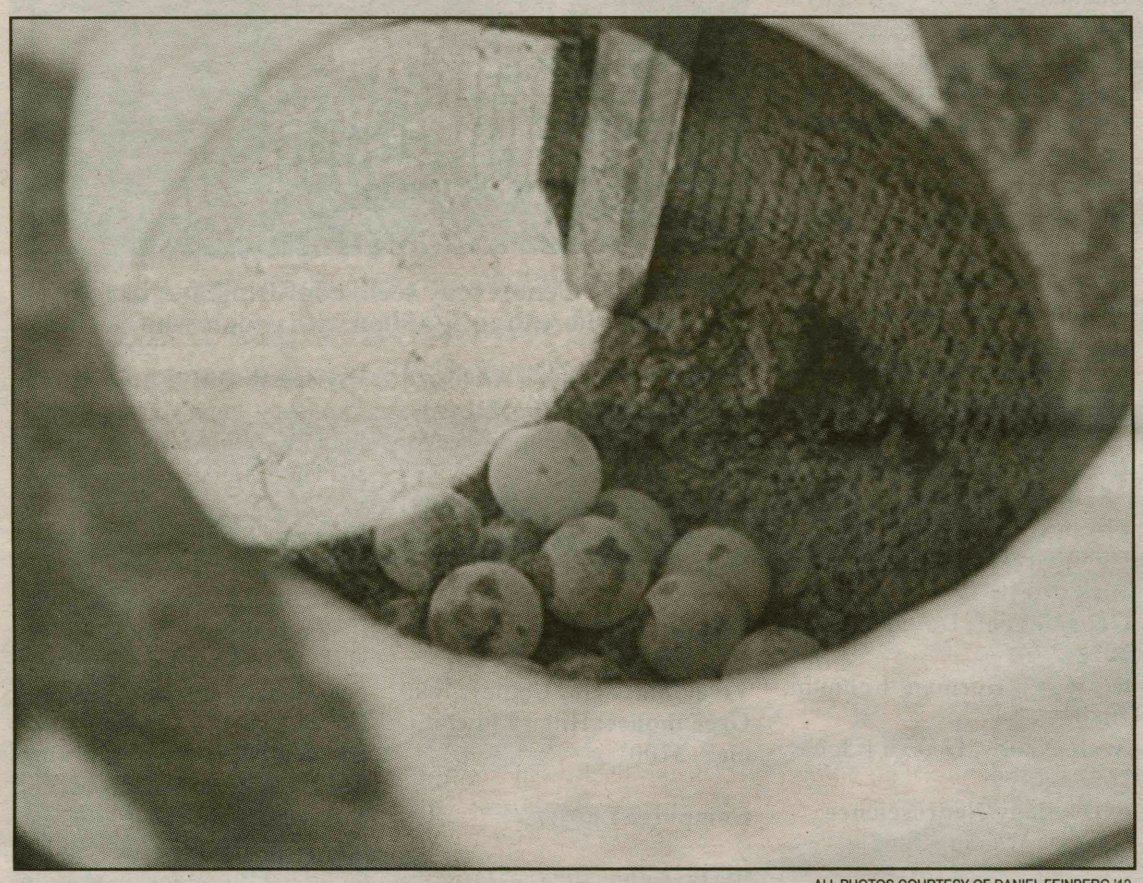
Cottonmouth snakes, such as the one pictured above, were a common sight on the wildlife preserve Dan worked at.

Our other major project was more strenuous than the sea turtle conservation but equally as rewarding. We mapped over 1000 acres of the invasive reed Phragmites australis and sprayed several patches of the plant with herbicide. Phragmites, or as biologists call it, "phrag," sends out an acid through its root system that kills other plants. It also blocks out sunlight, preventing other species from growing. American ecosystems are not adapted to handle this strain of phrag because it is a nonnative species that was introduced from Europe. Native animals don't eat it, so nothing in the natural environment checks its growth. By wiping out the native vegitation, it also destroys the habitat of the other living creatures that would normally live in the area, destroying the ecosystem.

We used GIS software to create "shape files," aerial representations of the regions of land that have become solid phrag. The refuge will send our shape files to a helicopter pilot, who will spray herbicide from the air. In order to make our map, we had to walk, drive and boat around the patches of phrag.

Some patches were too small for the helicopter, so we sprayed them by hand. This was by far the most difficult physical labor that I have done. The temperature was in the mid-nineties and the air was humid and sticky. We had to wear long sleeves, long pants, wading boots, rubber gloves and a hat, in case the herbicide spilled.

Working at a wildlife refuge can be both challenging and thrilling. I loved having the opportunity to glimpse the delicate balance of wildlife that composes an ecosystem. Despite the grueling conditions, the work was satisfying and was truly worth it.



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Once found, the nests were protected by cages such as the one shown above to prevent predators from getting to the eggs.

Wacky Facts: Animals

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The Poison Arrow Frog (above) has enough poison to kill about 2200 people.

- *The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.*
- *The average human body contains enough sulfur to kill all the fleas on an average dog.*
- *A cats jaw cannot move sideways.*
- *An elephant can throw a baseball faster than a human.*
- *Turtles and honeybees are both deaf.*
- *A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off; it dies from starvation.*
- *A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a four foot tall child inside.*
- *A human is more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.*
- *Bulls are color blind, therefore will usually charge at a matador's waving cape no matter what color it is.*
- *After eating, a housefly regurgitates its food and then eats it again.*
- *A snail can sleep for three years.*
- *Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.*

Genetically Engineered Monkeys Could Hold Solutions for Some Heritable Genetic Defects

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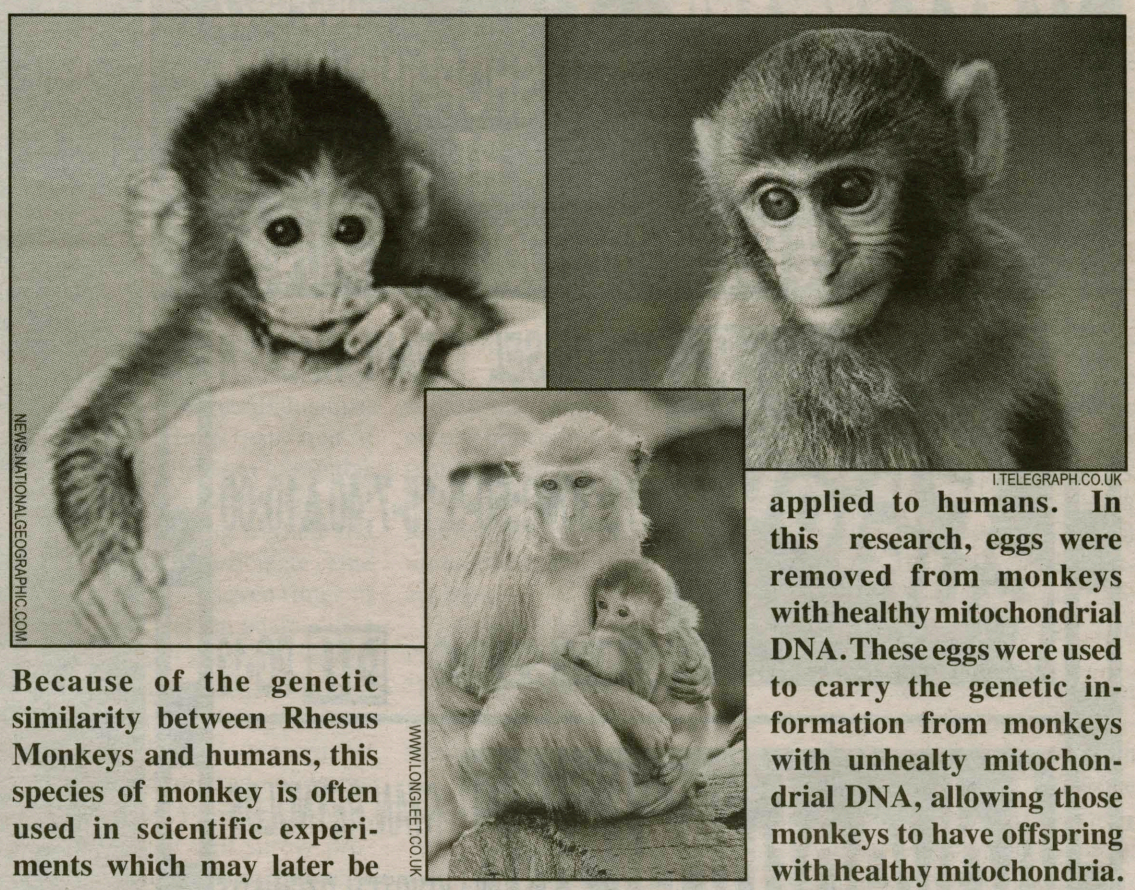
One of the most ethically charged scientific topics is that of human cloning and genetic manipulation. Despite the moral questions raised by these issues, there are many cases in which such techniques could prevent devastating genetic disorders. One such situation arises when the mother's genetic material contains defects in the mitochondrial DNA. Disorders of this sort are x-linked, meaning they are only passed from mother to child. These defects can result in a variety of physical and mental disorders for which there are few treatment options. Mitochondria are responsible for the generation of energy within cells, and without functional mitochondria, cells cannot function properly. Disorders caused by genetic defects of some sort affect about one in every five thousand people. Recently, however, researchers at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland found a possible solution for such genetic defects.

These researchers started with eggs from rhesus monkeys with genetic defects in the mitochondrial DNA. They removed the genetic material contained in the nucleus of these eggs. They then took eggs from mothers with healthy mitochondrial DNA and replaced the genetic material in the nucleus with the material from the mothers with unhealthy mitochondrial DNA. This results in an egg with healthy mitochondrial DNA but with the genetic material from the mother without healthy mitochondrial DNA. The mother without the healthy mitochondrial DNA can then have offspring with healthy mitochondria. These eggs were then fertilized and implanted, resulting in four healthy offspring.

While such techniques could soon be able to be applied to humans, the possibility raises many ethical questions. Primarily, there is a general taboo against tinkering with human genetic material. If something were to go wrong, it would not be ethical to kill a human infant. Even if many more experiments in monkeys were to be successful, it will be difficult to ensure that such successes will carry through to the human species. As quoted in *The Washington Post,* Shoukhrat Mitalipov, who led the research team, explains, "This type of gene therapy involves replacing genes in the germline which of course will be transmitted to next generations, which is a concern. However, we're talking about patients and



Because of the genetic similarity between Rhesus Monkeys and humans, this species of monkey is often used in scientific experiments which may later be applied to humans. In this research, eggs were removed from monkeys with healthy mitochondrial DNA. These eggs were used to carry the genetic information from monkeys with unhealty mitochondrial DNA, allowing those monkeys to have offspring with healthy mitochondria.

birth defects that cause terrible diseases due to these gene mutations." Many also worry that allowing such genetic manipulation will make other forms of genetic manipulation more acceptable.

Additionally, this technique could raise many legal and social issues. Embryos created with this method contain the genetic material of two females, meaning that they have two mothers and one father. The ability to do so would add more complexities to the already thorny world of family law, and possibly create a confusing family environment for the child.

Even so, the ability to replace defective genetic material with healthy material from a different female is an important step in understanding how to treat genetic disorders. Even if the exact process used in rhesus monkeys in this experiment is never approved in humans, the knowledge of the process allows further research on such ideas. Hopefully this experiment will at least help in the discovery of an ethical and effective solution to such genetic disorders.

College Strategic Plan Published

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outlines requirements for new buildings on campus. They must "achieve a maximum energy usage of 50,000 btus per gross square foot," a 56.5 percent reduction compared with the usage of current buildings. In addition to the solar resources located at Kirner-Johnson and at the Outdoor Education Center, Hamilton will review increasing renewable energy use on campus by a least three percent. Buildings on campus will be designed to comply with Silver LEED standards; LEED standards involve site selection, curtailment of light pollution, public transportation connectivity, architectural innovation and many other criteria. Buildings that meet Silver LEED standards receive anywhere from 50 to 59 points on a scale of 100 points. Currently, the only building on campus to be Silver LEED certified is Skenandoa.

Other projects are also expected to help reduce the College's carbon output. Recycling programs at Hamilton are predicted to "result in a 10 percent annual improvement in the College's carbon footprint." Simply installing smarter indoor light fixtures on campus could reduce energy consumption for lighting by ten percent. The plan also provides guidelines for student-faculty research and various courses, which will continue to encourage interest in the environment and in sustainability. For more information, the plan can be found at www.hamilton.edu/sustainability/sustainabilityplan.html.

Overall, the Hamilton Climate Action Plan describes practical and attainable goals for reducing the College's impact on the environment. Clearly, Hamilton's focus on such improvements has paid off. Recently, the College received a cumulative B- on the College Sustainability Report Card, which is produced online by the Sustainable Endowments Institute. This grade is an improvement over the C- Hamilton has received in past years. For more detail, visit www.greenreportcard.org. Hopefully, the Climate Action Plan will help further Hamilton's efforts to have the lowest environmental impact possible.

Trees Threatened by Insects

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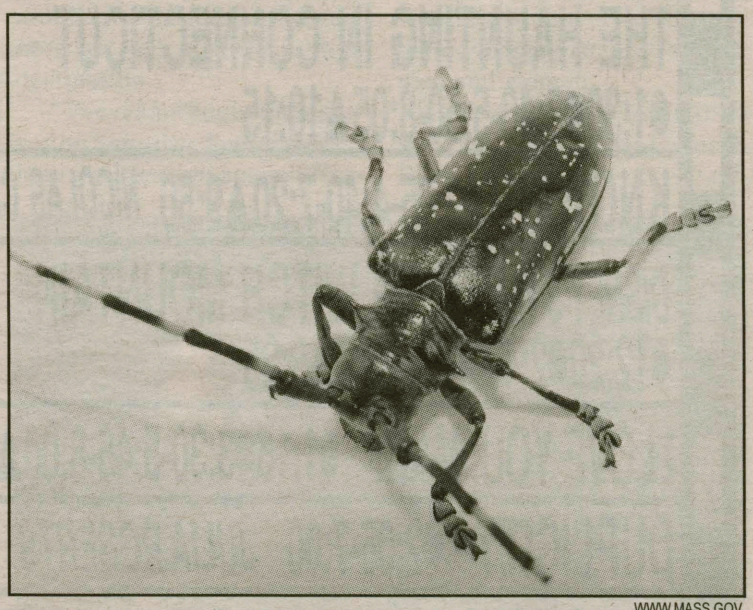
just all you can do."

The borer, like other insects mentioned in this article, bores into affected trees and carries a fungus that kills large amounts of the tree's wood. As Hawkridge explained, "they [the insects] like to eat fresh dead wood they killed themselves." The method is swift and deadly for the affected trees, which can die within a year depending on the severity of the infestation.

The Asian longhorned beetle also spreads through firewood and likewise has shown surprising ability to spread. When arborists believed it had been cornered in Brooklyn, an infestation showed up unexpectedly in Worcester, Massachusetts. Worcester has now cut down over 6,000 trees in response. In addition to ash trees, the beetle also enjoys sugar maples, making it a dire threat to the maple syrup business in the Northeast.

Other insects also threaten to cause problems. The sirex wasp destroys pine trees weakened by drought, as many of those around the College have been in recent years. For the last four years, there has been a population of wasps as close as Oswego.



The Asian Longhorned Beetle is another species of invasive insect that is currently threating the trees on the Hill.

The viburnum leaf beetle eats the leaves off certain species of viburnums, and although a few trees are being treated in front of Spenser House, the College has largely switched to planting non-susceptible varieties.

The current influx of insects brings back memories for Hawkridge of the horrors of Dutch elm disease, which ravaged the campus in the 1950s through 70s. Next week, the Spectator will bring a historical and scientific perspective on the repercussions the College suffered after losing its elms. For now, consider this: in 1949, the Hill was covered in 139 elm trees, each between 80-110 feet tall with immense shady canopies. Now there are only three elms left on campus. One stands on the east side of Couper Hall. Take a trip over there and try to imagine the Hill covered in such magnificent trees. Try imagining losing the trees we have. Suddenly, this horror story doesn't sound as much like science fiction any more.

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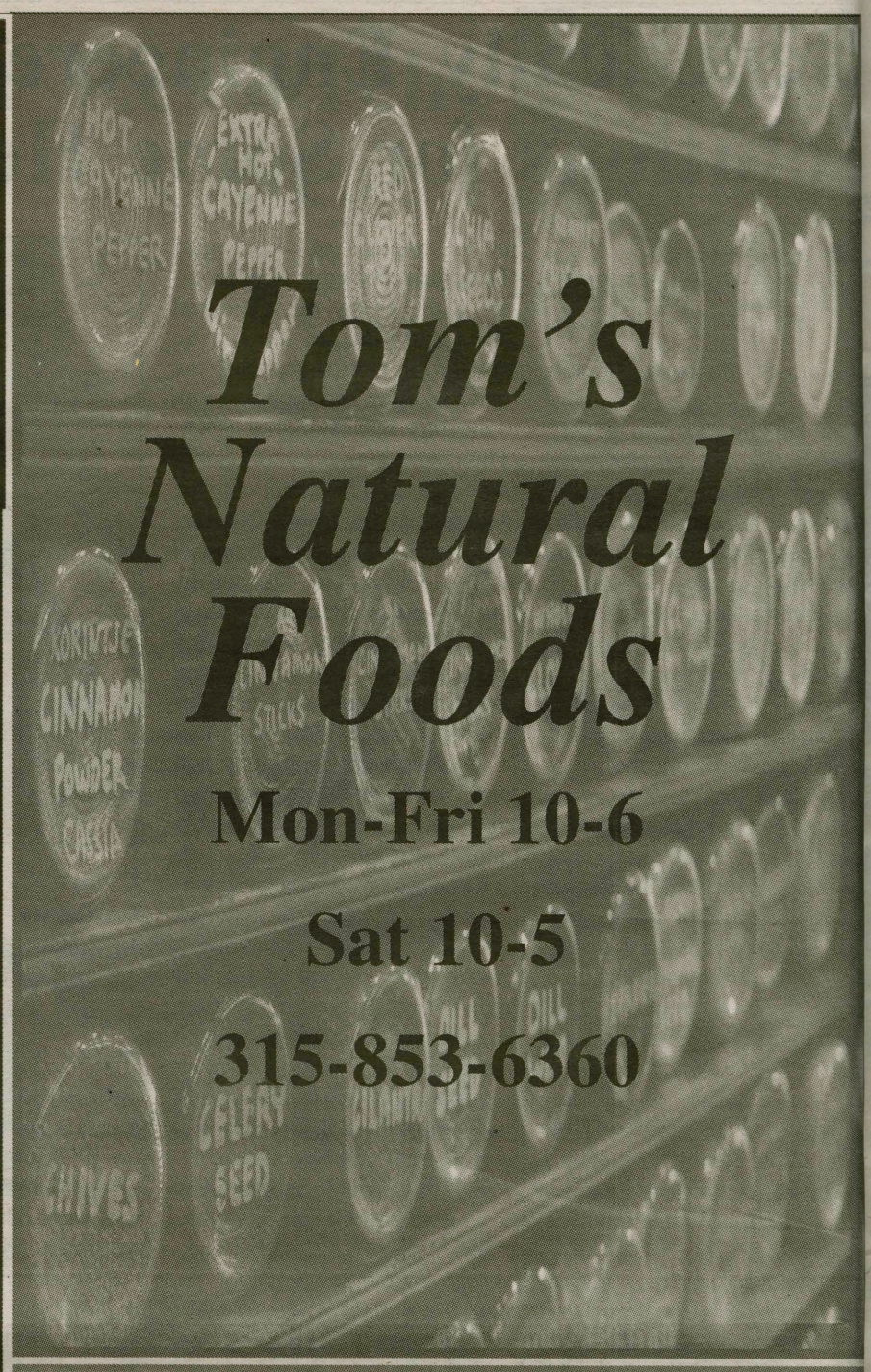

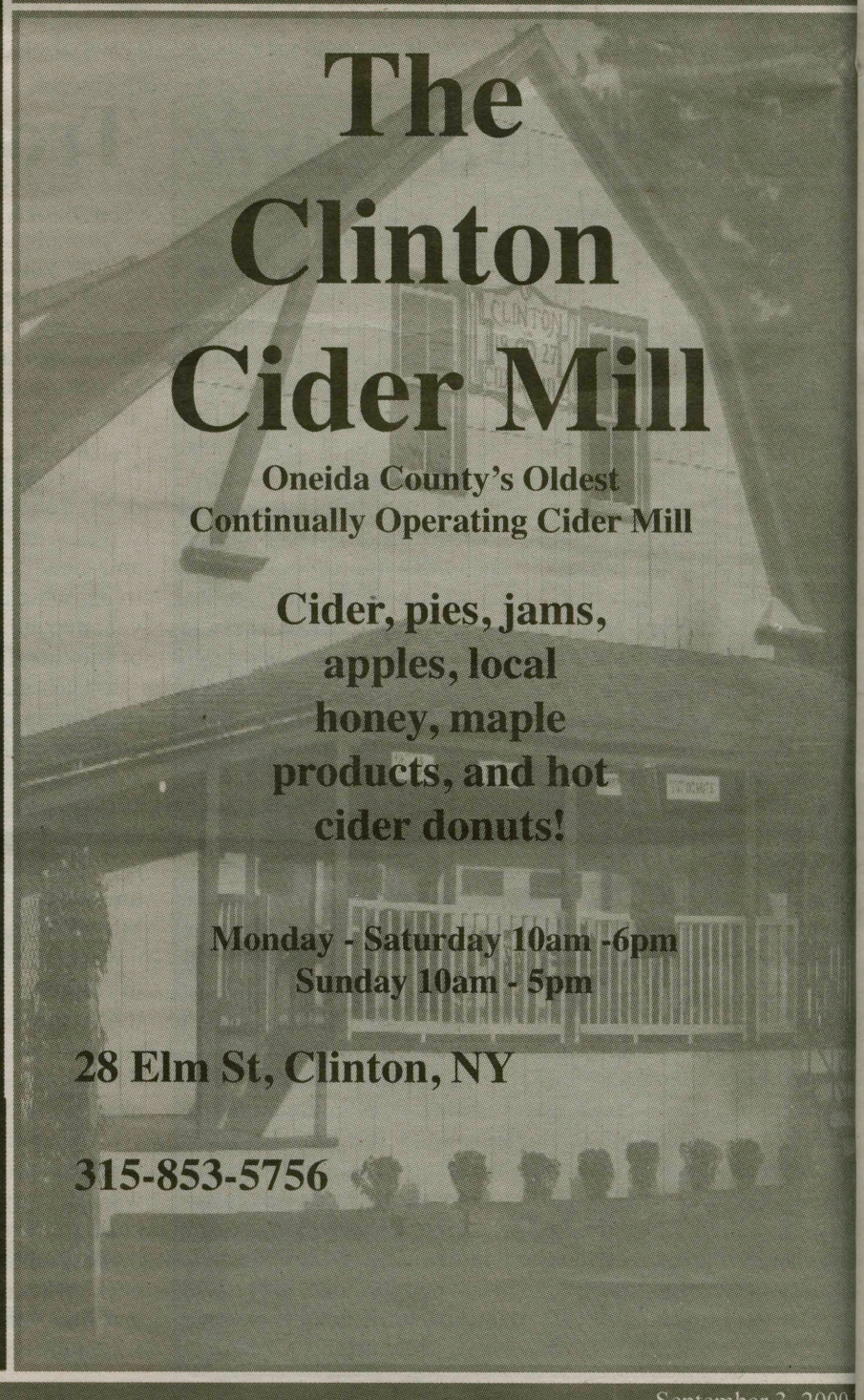
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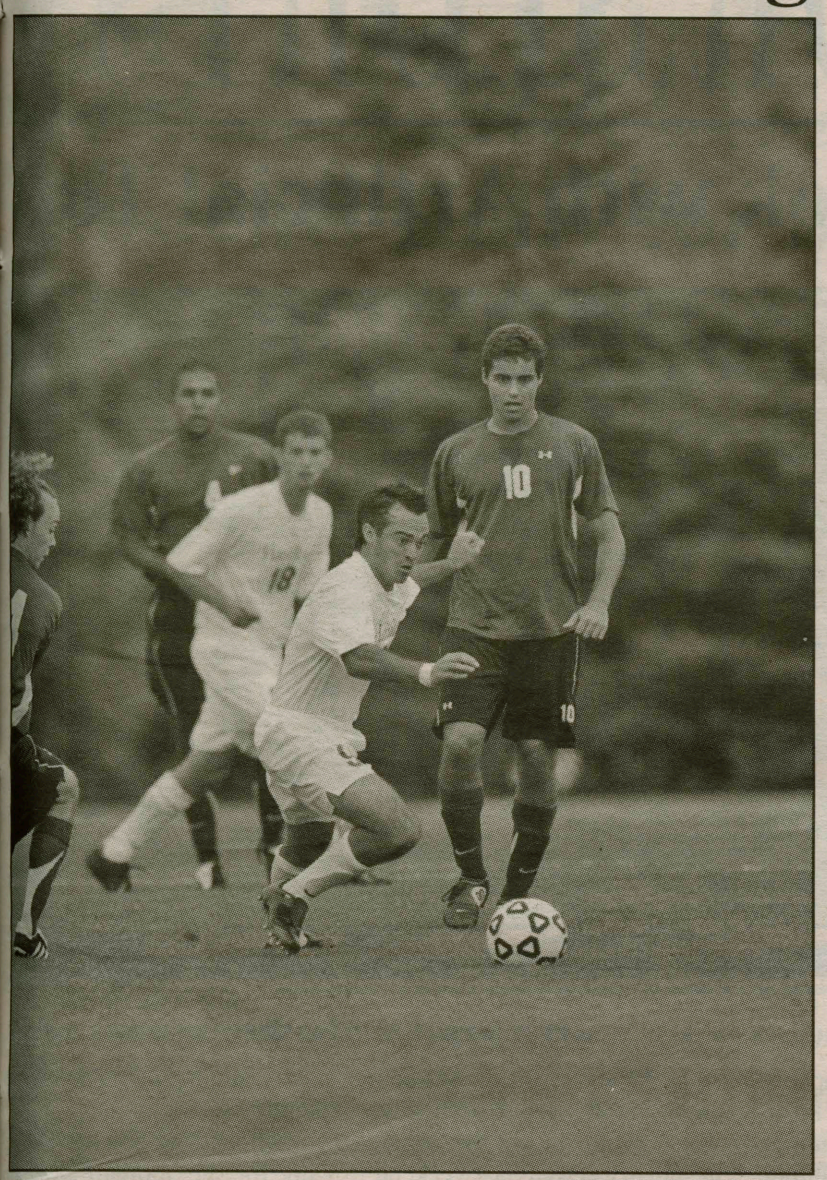

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Sam Dwyer '10 shows the skills that earned him the role of captain.

By Ronald Wai '10
Sports Writer

As Europe's top soccer clubs dive into their new campaigns, the Hamilton College Continentals are likewise preparing for the challenges of the new soccer season. Coach Perry Nizzi will be looking to lead the team to success in the regional Liberty League, paving the way to a place in the NCAA Championships.

Hamilton has a proud history of regular postseason appearances, having earned the right to participate in the playoffs seven times in the last ten years. After an unexpectedly disappointing season in last year's Liberty League with an 8-6-0 record, the team missed out on the NCAA Championships, which will surely provide added incentive to perform well this year.

What our soccer fans can expect to see is an abundance of goals. In last year's 14-game season, the team amassed an impressive tally of 25, with Jesse Arroyave '11 leading the charts with seven goals and one assist. He was closely followed by Frank Campagnano '12, who netted five goals and assisted on two more. Arroyave will once again be the Continentals main forward, whereas Campagnano's high scoring rate came as bit of a surprise as he plays defender for Coach Nizzi's team. Hopes for another strong outing for the sophomore are high.

Whilst impressive on offense, the Continentals were somewhat disappointing defensively, conceding 17 goals and managing only four shutouts all last season-two areas that the team will surely look to work on as preseason training gathers pace.

Coach Nizzi has selected Paul Moakler '10, Sam Dwyer '10, Billy Ford '10 and Jon Sanford '11 as his new captains for the upcoming season.

"Moakler gives one hundred and ten percent. He is a very good player," Coach Nizzi said.

Coach Nizzi further explained, "Sam Dwyer will be the leader and playmaker in the center of midfield this year, whilst the skillful Billy Ford will serve excellent balls forward [from the defense]. Jon Sanford is a top marking back with the ability to get forward and be dangerous. He leads by example."

Sanford is the first junior captain in Coach Nizzi's 12 years as Hamilton College's men's soccer head coach, a testament to his ability and importance to the team. Nizzi is no novice at producing stars, having seen thirteen of his players making it onto the all-region selection team over the years. Three players made it onto the All-Liberty League team in 2008, and 12 student athletes earned spots on the league's all-academic team. Flanked by coaches Mike Fornino, Frank Barbuto and Dave Carter, it appears that Nizzi has unearthed more gems in the form of Sanford, Arroyave and Campagnano.

The team's first game of the season is against Rochester Institute of Technology on September 9, at 4 p.m. on Love Field. The Continentals will play a total of 14 games this season, including seven home games. The Hamilton College community can especially look forward to the week between September 25 and Family Weekend on October 3, in which the team has three home games in a row, including the alumni game.

Cross Country Filled With High Hopes for New Season

Experienced Continentals returnees should break school records and wins on the track

By Cooper Creagan '13
Sports Writer

With the start of the cross country season coming upon us, the Continentals seem to be back in full force. The seven men who managed to gather a tenth place finish in the NCAA Atlantic Region Championship last year all return for what should be another strong season.

Though Head Coach Brett Hull claims "it is way too early to tell" where the men will end up in the championships this year, the runners are looking to improve upon their fourth place finish at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference and their eighth place finish in the NESCAC.

Both meets were extremely close with Hamilton defeating their competition by merely three places in both events. Clearly, the team is fortunate to retain all of that talent because there should easily be room for improvement upon last year's championship performances with extra practice and stamina building training sessions. The group of incoming freshmen will help as well.

Coach Hull believes that the freshmen "should be able to help the program."

The returning athletes bring a wealth of experience to the team. Scott Bickard '11, Kevin Kerr '10, Peter Kosgei '10, Devon Lynch '11 and Will Reid '10 have all been to every NESCAC championship since their freshman campaigns. This know-how should translate into better performances on November 1 at Trinity (site of this year's NESCAC championships) as well as excellent leadership for the newcomers. The team captains are Reid and Cuffie Winkler '10.

Of course, all eyes will be on Kosgei as he continues to impress, attracting fame with every stride. Last year, he won the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, proving himself to be among the most elite athletes in Hamilton's history. This year, he will obviously be striving to keep his title and will likely break a few records along the way. He will get competition from within the team through Hillary Langat '13, also from Kenya, who hopes to keep up with Kosgei's speed.

The women also retain much of last year's team, as only one of the top seven runners has graduated. Besides the returning veterans, there is also a strong group of incoming runners. Rachel Cackett '13 was in the front of the pack during time trials last week, and Emily Heckman '13 and Anna Paikert '13 also finished among the fastest on the team, running the one and half miles in well under ten minutes. Also joining the team are Tory Grieves '12, Nina Krause '13 and Becca Weingarten '13, who is currently dealing with torn ligaments in her ankle.

"We are looking to improve upon last year's eighth-place NCAA Atlantic Regional meet and NESCAC championship," said Head Coach Ellen Hull.

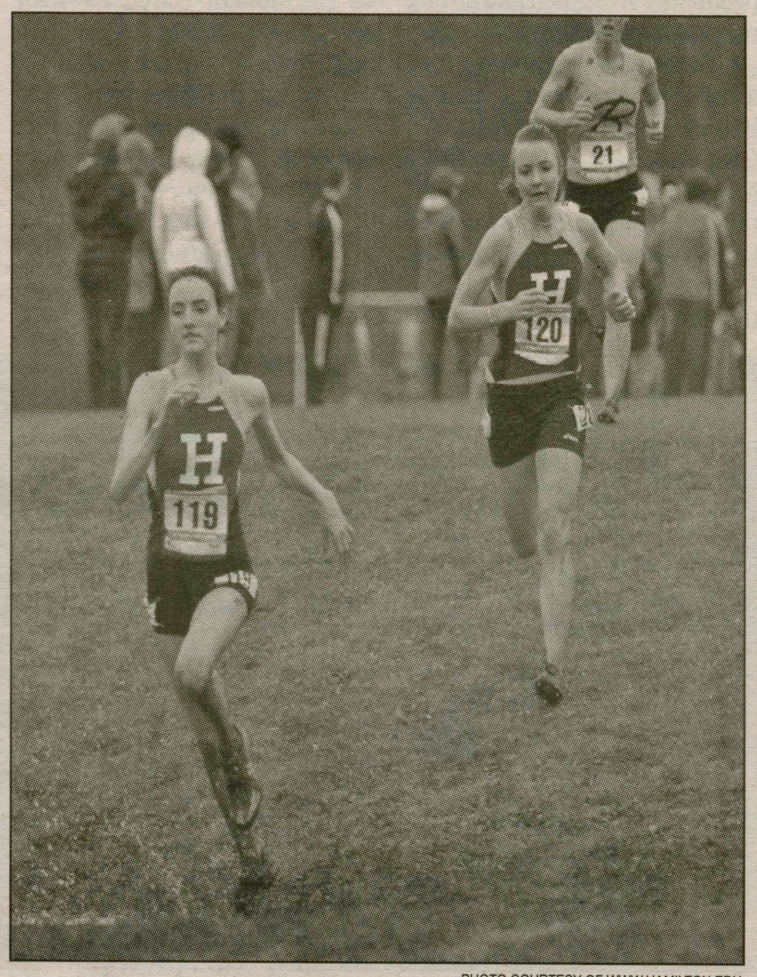
At the New York State Collegiate Track Conference the team managed an impressive third place finish over the University of Rochester. During that competition, the Continentals' combined time edged out Rochester by a margin of nine seconds.

Leading the team this year are captains Chelsea Stone '10, Alexandra Leighton '10 and Kate Hails '10. They have already stepped up their efforts this year in what should be a promising cross country season.

Last Sunday, while most students were sleeping in or working on homework, the runners were making the trek "from Hill to Hull," which is a nine-mile run from Hamilton College to Brett and Ellen Hull's home in New Hartford. The long, hilly run is an annual tradition on the cross country team; many people around town cheer for the runners as they approach their destination.

The teams begin their season on Saturday, September 12, here at Hamilton against Nazareth, D'Youville, Union and Vassar in a short course meet, which will cover a shorter-than-average distance for both men and women.

"Everyone is excited to start the season," said Coach Ellen Hull.



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Meredith FitzPatrick '11 runs to the front of the pack.

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Steuben Field Gets New Look with Artificial Turf

By Daniel Hagemeier '11
Sports Editor

Maybe the Hamilton College football team just needed a little more motivation to finally get back their winning record. The Continentals have struggled for the last few seasons despite good talent on the team, finishing with back-to-back 2-6 records. An already promising outlook for the new season became even brighter when an anonymous donor gave Hamilton College a one million dollar gift this summer to renovate Steuben Field.

The football team traditionally plays its home games on Steuben Field during the season. Additionally, the field is used for intramural events, new student orientation and practices, among other activities.

The natural grass on Hamilton College's football field will be replaced with artificial turf for better field conditions and a better playing experience. Additionally, other alumni and parents have made small contributions to the $1,350,000 project to renovate the football field, which was originally constructed in 1897. The last renovation dates back six years.

"Renovation became necessary when we almost had to move one football game because the field was unplayable and unsafe," said Athletics Director Jon Hind '80. Coaches, players, and the administration have known about the need for an upgrade for several years. The project finally got under way this summer.

Construction on Steuben field started in June and is scheduled to be finished by the time the Continentals open their first game of the 2009 season on September 26 against Amherst College. Hamilton students can currently see the last stage of construction in progress. However, the field is already open for everybody and the football team held its freshman tryouts on the new field last Sunday.

Dean of Faculty Joseph R. Urgo said that the one million dollar gift, the third within three weeks in May and June Board Chair A. G. Lafley and another anonymous donor each supported the funds for student scholarship aid, "signals that Hamilton, through the support of its alumni, parents and friends, is continuing to invest in its students and programs, even during this difficult economy."

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The football team practices on its new field in preparation for their upcoming opene

"We are very excited about the new field," Head Coach Steve Stetson said during the team's freshman workouts last weekend. "I know that the players can't wait to get on the field and play. It is a great installation. But during the games they still will be more excited about playing than abo the turf itself."

After all, getting a few mo wins for the football progra should not hurt the cause eithe Current Hamilton students a especially the new class of 20 have a good reason to get excite

Men's Tennis Encouraged With Youth and Coaching

By Daniel Greenberg '12
Sports Editor

This year's men's tennis team looks to improve on the progress it made last year with a good mix of returning players, promising freshmen and strong innovative coaching.

The team is composed of a core of juniors which include Peter Erwin '11, Dan Gross '11, Greg Kreitzer '11 and Mike Moreno '11, and they will all take the experience they gained last season as a stepping stone for their new higher positions in the lineup. While the first flight player cannot be determined at this point, team captain Kreitzer seems to be the frontrunner after accumulating five wins in singles last year and seven wins two seasons ago.

Head Coach Joshua McKee mentioned, "Greg Kreitzer brings a great deal of experience and leadership to the squad."

While the team has no seniors, a talented group of players return, including Coby Berman '12, Victor Zimmerman '12 and Andrew Libin '12, who led the class in singles wins with five. The future appears exceedingly positive because the team will have experience even without seniors, and their top players will play for at least two more years.

As Mike Moreno '11, who led the team with nine singles wins last year, put it, "The team is very deep this year. There is a lot of potential with the freshmen. I think we have a real shot at returning the program back to the level we were at in the 90's."

Indeed, the program in the 90's was exceptional, a decade which included several winning seasons and a team title at the 1997 Liberty League championships. It was also in those years that the players on the team achieved the top six career records in singles victories that are held, along with four of the top five career records in doubles victories. The team seems to be rising once again to that point, which is very optimistic.

Regarding the freshmen, Moreno stated that "[the team] has a bunch of good recruits that are sectionally and nationally ranked."

Coach McKee also highly regards the talent of the incoming class, "We have a few first-year players of note who will immediately contribute to the team like Jon Franzel ['13] and Jordan Petit ['13]. These players will add a welcome surge of energy and talent to an already successful tennis program."

And as for the coaching, Moreno explained how "the team has three coaches-one head coach and two assistant coaches. We have a dedicated coaching staff, and one coach in particular dedicated to mental toughness, Assistant Coach Mark Oakes, who works in the psychology department. He helps run special exercises that will improve our mental toughness."

The team is also developing in the sense that it will have more experience in New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) play after adding a NESCAC schedule to th spring season for the first tim in 2007. The team will play sev eral NESCAC opponents durin April, and will conclude wit the conference championship early May. Only six teams ca qualify for the event with th winner receiving an automati bid to the NCAA Division I championships. The Continen tals have high hopes of gettin in.

The team will also con tinue its focus on academi performance in conjunctio with athletic achievement tha has become a key trait of bot NESCAC teams and Hamilto college sports. The Continenta will host all their home matche at the Gray Tennis Courts, an in the event of bad weathe conditions, they will move int the Margaret Bundy Scott Fiel House. The team will bring i their improved squad, hopin to set a new standard as the fa season kicks off at home o September 13 at 11 a.m.

Coach Mckee said, "We ar looking forward to a lot of sup port on campus over the week end of September 12 and 1 when we have our only hom matches of the fall. We're look ing forward to a great year o tennis and everyone has hig hopes for what we will be abl to achieve."

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Peter Erwin '11 serving during a doubles match with teammate Mike Moreno '11.